

2021 Professional Awards



Why Submit?:

- Display how your agency is improving the quality of life in your community
- Earn your agency acknowledgement
- Demonstrate the caliber of your organization's work
- Showcase your organization's talents and dedication to the parks and recreation profession
- Increase marketability and media access
- Receive recognition in the parks and recreation profession

What is the judging process?

The agency & professional submissions will be judged by parks and recreation professionals from around Kentucky. Agency awards include: Facility, Program, Department, and State Park Awards. Professional awards include: Fellow, Special Citation, Young Professional, Outstanding College/University Senior, Support, Professional of the Year, Hall of Fame, Communication, David Lose Partnership and Outstanding Public Official. Presidential Citation Award also given and is only nominated by KRPS president and approved by the awards committee. The awards committee consists of a representative from each district in the state of Kentucky. The top scorer in each KRPS class size if applicable will receive an award. Ties will be broken by the awards committee. Notifications to award winners will be made no later than two weeks before conference.

Rules of Submission:

All entries will receive a summary of the judging sheet and comments after conference is held.

- Nomination packets (cover sheet, awards submission information and supporting documents) must be submitted by a current KRPS member or staff of an agency with an organization membership
- Agency awards may only be submitted in one category
- Winning submissions are not permitted to be entered two years in a row
- The awards committee reserves the right to reassign applications to the most appropriate category
- Submission of nomination packets grants KRPS permission to use any and all portion of the nomination packet, including photos videos, on the website and in marketing materials
- All nomination packets must be typed and submitted in the order of cover sheet, submission information, supporting documents
- Nomination packet must be submitted by submission deadline of September 17, 2021 at 11:59pm EST for consideration to: krpsawards@gmail.com (*Email submissions will receive confirmation when received) OR mailed (8 copies) to:

Boone County Parks
PO Box 566
Burlington, KY 41005

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Professional Awards:

Fellow Award

- One Fellow Award may be given each year to a professional recreation leader.
- To recognize an individual who has dedicated interest in the profession or the field of leisure
- Experience: at least 5 years of experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor, director, administrator, or combination in the field of recreation.
- Service-contribution should have been rendered
 - (A) primarily through Kentucky Recreation & Park Society,
 - (B) Through distinctive leadership in recreation, or
 - (C) Meritorious service to our profession
- Must be a member in good standing with the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society for at least 5 years

Special Citation Award

- One or more awards may be given each year to a lay person not employed in the field of recreation, company, agency, or elected official. The award may also be given each year to a private company or agency that have given outstanding support in a monetary or other manner to the parks and recreation field.
- To recognize individuals and private industry or agencies that have given outstanding help or aid in the field of recreation or leisure time pursuits, commercial recreation personnel included.

Young Professional Award

One award may be given each year to a young professional

- To recognize a practicing young professional for outstanding contributions to the profession
- Must be 35 years of age or younger (at the time of nomination due date) OR have 5-7 years of full time experience in the park and recreation field
- Experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor or any combination in the field of recreation
- Must be a member in good standing of the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society for at least 1 year

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Professional of the Year Award

One award will be given and this award may be presented more than once to an individual

- To recognize a practicing recreation professional for outstanding contributions to the profession
- Experience: must have more than 5 years of experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor, director, administrator, or any combination in the field of parks and recreation
- Service: contribution should be rendered through
 - (A) distinctive leadership in the field of parks and recreation, AND
 - (B) meritorious service to our profession
- Must be a member in good standing of the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society for at least 1 year

Support Award

One or more awards may be given each year to a parks and recreation support staff (maintenance, administration, clerical, etc.) individual who has done an outstanding job throughout the year.

- To recognize individuals whose skill and dedication in their work has contributed to the overall quality of their department or the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society
- Department nominating must be a member of KRPS in good standing

Outstanding College/University Senior Award

One award will be given annually to the outstanding college/university senior majoring in the field of recreation.

- To recognize a student who has excelled in academic performance, leadership, and citizenship as it pertains to the study of the recreation profession.
- The student must be a member of the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society as of January 1 of the year nominated.
- Nomination can be made when student is a Junior for upcoming Fall Semester as a Senior.

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Communication Award

One or more awards may be given each year to a newspaper, magazine, radio, or television station to recognize outstanding articles, programs, and coverage in the field of parks and recreation.

Outstanding Public Official Award

One or more awards may be presented to a currently serving federal, state, or local official who has contributed significantly to the benefit of parks, recreation, leisure services, and open spaces programs. Although the specific involvement may be only with a single park system, it should be truly exemplary to the parks movement.

- Department nominating must be a member of KRPS

The David Lose Partnership Award

This award is presented to an agency/organization/individual that has developed and/or established a successful partnership/relationship to significantly help advance and impact the cause of the parks and recreation movement and whose dedication to the field parallels the same dedication and zeal towards parks, recreation and conservation that was exhibited by David Lose after whom the award is named.

- Department nominating must be a member of KRPS

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Hall of Fame

Any professional or special individual who has made outstanding, unique, lasting, and extraordinary contributions to the parks and recreation progress in Kentucky. Service to progress of parks and recreation in the state of Kentucky for a minimum of 20 years and as a Kentucky Recreation & Park Society member, unless waived by special circumstances as determined by the awards committee and approved by the board of directors.

Hall of Fame Nomination Process:

- Any individual or agency holding a current membership in the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society, including hall of fame members, may nominate a professional or special individual for induction to the hall of fame, retiree preferred
- Nominations may be made at any time, but any not submitted by the established deadline will be considered with the following year's class
- Nominations received in time, but not selected for induction that year, shall not carry over to the following year, but may be resubmitted without limitation

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Professional Awards Submission Information:

- Professional awards include: fellow, special citation, young professional, outstanding college/university senior, support, professional of the year, David Lose partnership, hall of fame, outstanding public official, and communication
- Responses may not exceed 1,000 characters per criteria (see attached Professional Award form to complete)
- Please complete each criteria, an incomplete or omitted response will be scored accordingly

Additional required materials:

- Nominee's resume or vita of the nominee that includes career timeline and educational accomplishments (Not required for Special Citation or Communication Award)
- Three (3) letters of support
- Professional Award Supplemental Form (see attached) (Not required for Communication Award)
- Supporting documents should be submitted with your nomination packet. There is a limit of twelve (12) individual supporting documents per sub-mission with at least six (6) of the supporting documents being casual images of the nominee "on the job". Please use professional or original images for best quality.



KENTUCKY RECREATION AND PARKS SOCIETY

2021 Kentucky Recreation and Parks Society Annual Conference Award Cover Sheet

Award Selection:

Check the award category for this nomination. Review all award criteria carefully.

Outstanding College Senior
Special Citation
Support Award Outstanding
Public Official
David Lose Partnership Award

Young Professional
Professional of The Year
Fellow Award
Hall of Fame Recognition
Communication Award

Nominator Information:

Name:	Organization:
Address:	
City:	State:
Zip:	County:
Phone:	Email:
KRPS Member: Yes No	Years of Membership (if applicable):

Nominee's Information:

Name:	Organization:
Address:	
City:	State:
Zip:	County:
Phone:	Email:
KRPS Member : Yes No	Years of Membership (if applicable):

Submission:

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Responses may not exceed 1000 characters per area below. Please complete each area below. An incomplete or omitted response will be scored accordingly.

1. Describe the primary reason this person is being nominated for an award. Please include number of years working/volunteering in the Parks and Recreation field.

2. Describe the nominee's service to KRPS or predecessor organizations, including leadership roles and/or work.

3. Describe how the nominee has shown leadership skills by communicating parks and recreation benefits, setting direction, innovative ideas, and/or effective decision making.

4. Describe how the nominee's advocacy for parks and recreation has contributed to the KRPS mission to advance parks, recreation, and environmental conservation efforts that enhance the quality of life for all people.

5. Describe how the nominee has made a lasting, positive impact at the local, state, or national level through parks and recreation.



Professional Award Supplemental Form

Please list all supporting information

This form is **required to be submitted** with nomination packet for the following professional awards: Fellow, Special Citation, Young Professional, Professional of the Year, Support, Outstanding College/University Senior, Outstanding Public Official, Hall of Fame & David Lose Partnership Award.

Affiliations	
Certifications	
Honors Earned	