

MPRA Awards & Citations – Distinguished Fellow

This award shall be made annually to not more than one (1) member of the association, except where in the estimation of the committee, special circumstances warrant multiple awards.

Experience:

YES NO

_____ Does this nominee have at least ten (10) years' experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor, director, administrator, or a combination of same in the field of recreation and/or parks?

_____ Is this nominee certified by a certifying board recognized in the field of parks, recreation, and leisure services?

Service:

_____ Has this nominee contributed outstanding and continual service to the association?

_____ Has this nominee displayed distinctive and innovative leadership in administration, management, promotion, organization, legislation, and development in the provision of parks and recreation services?

Evidence of Leadership: (check all that apply)

Office Holder

_____ Elected member of NRPA Regional Council

_____ Elected Officer of MPRA

_____ Elected Director of MPRA

_____ A member of the MPRA Executive Board

Committee Work

_____ Chair of any standing MPRA committee

_____ Chair or member of any NRPA branch committee

_____ Chair of any NRPA Regional Council

_____ Chair of any special MPRA Committee

Professional Research, Writing, Speeches

_____ Numerous addresses or appearances to groups over the radio or TV held in the interest of recreation and parks

_____ Original articles in newspapers or magazine on recreation and/or parks

_____ Research which has helped advance the profession

_____ Author or co-author of a book(s) on recreation and/or parks

_____ Original contribution to profession which has affected philosophy or practices

Nomination Checklist

_____ Awards Cover Sheet (this form) in .pdf format

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_____ Proposed 300 word or less narration for use in publications and/or videos produced by MPRA. The preferred format is .docx format.

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MPRA Awards & Citations – Associate Distinguished Fellow

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Experience:

YES NO

_____ Does this nominee have at least three (3) years' experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor, or a combination of same in the field of recreation and/or parks?

_____ Is this nominee certified by a certifying board recognized in the field of parks, recreation, and leisure services?

Evidence of Contribution and Leadership: (check all that apply)

- _____ Service on any standing or special committee or section of MPRA
- _____ Active in student park and recreation clubs or organizations
- _____ Published articles in parks and recreation related publications
- _____ Numerous addresses to public groups in the interest of parks and recreation
- _____ Outstanding contribution to the field of parks and recreation evidenced by innovative ideas or programs
- _____ Other contributions to MPRA or NRPA

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MPRA Awards & Citations – Citations of Merit

Individual - Any person not fully employed in parks and recreation but associated with the leisure service field that has made an outstanding contribution to recreation and/or parks.

Evidence of Contribution: (check all that apply)

- ☐ Preparing and sponsoring recreation and/or parks legislation
- ☐ Promotion of recreation and/or parks on all levels
- ☐ Serving as a member of a citizens committee, working for recreation and/or parks programs securing funds, etc.
- ☐ Providing a grant of cash, land, bequest, or such other contribution of considerable magnitude in the furtherance of parks and recreation in the state of Missouri

Organizations - Any not-for-profit or business organization that has made an outstanding contribution to recreation and/or parks.

Evidence of Contribution: (check all that apply)

- ☐ Preparing and sponsoring recreation and/or parks legislation
- ☐ Promotion of recreation and/or parks on all levels
- ☐ Providing a grant of cash, land, bequest, or such other contribution of considerable magnitude in the furtherance of parks and recreation in the state of Missouri

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MPRA Awards & Citations – Retirement Service

Experience:

YES NO

- _____ _____ Is this nominee retired? If no, what is the anticipated retirement date? _____
- _____ _____ Has this nominee been a member of MPRA for at least ten (10) years?
- _____ _____ Does this nominee have at least ten (10) years' experience in parks and recreation in Missouri prior to retirement?

Evidence of Leadership: (check all that apply)

Office Holder

- _____ Elected Officer of MPRA
- _____ Elected Director of MPRA
- _____ A member of the MPRA Executive Board
- _____ Chair or member of a MPRA committee
- _____ Numerous addresses or appearances to groups in the interest of recreation and parks
- _____ Original articles in magazines, newspapers, or journals on recreation and parks
- _____ Research which has helped advance the profession
- _____ Author or co-author of book(s) on recreation and parks

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MPRA Awards & Citations – Public Official Achievement Award

Experience:

YES NO

_____ _____ Is this nominee an elected public official?

Evidence of Outstanding and Sustained Contribution: (check all that apply)

- _____ Prepared, sponsored, supported, and handled recreation and/or parks related legislation
- _____ Public promotion and support voiced of recreation and/or park interests and issues
- _____ Public addresses to groups in the interests of recreation and/or parks
- _____ Counsel and advice rendered to MPRA and/or its constituency on issues, concerns and/or interests of recreation and/or parks

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MPRA Awards & Citations – Support Staff

Experience:

YES NO

_____ _____ Is this nominee employed in a position such as clerical, maintenance, program leader, or other support position?

_____ _____ Has this employee been employed by the agency for ten (10) or more years?

Evidence of Exemplary Service above and beyond normal duties of the job: (check all that apply)

- _____ Longevity of service
- _____ Sustained outstanding service
- _____ Distinctive customer service
- _____ Creation of new and/or innovative service

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MPRA Awards & Citations – Musco Give Back Award

Experience:

YES NO

_____ _____ Is this nominee an individual?

_____ _____ Is this nominee a Public Agency or Organization?

Service: Noteworthy contributions in the area of serving the underserved in the community or reducing barriers to access. This may include, but is not limited to, a specific program or facility, or any other unusually noteworthy effort to achieve one or more of the following goals through parks and recreation services: (check all that apply)

_____ Increased access to programs and facilities

_____ Addressing environmental impacts

_____ Engaging underrepresented groups

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MPRA Awards & Citations – Agency of the Year

Experience:

YES NO

- _____ _____ Is this nominee Class I (Population over 50,000)?
- _____ _____ Is this nominee Class II (Population under 50,000)?
- _____ _____ Is this nominee Class III (Any Class II Agency in a County with a population less than 50,000)?
- _____ _____ Has this agency won this award in the past five (5) years?

Demonstrate excellence in parks and recreation in the recent past through the following criteria: (check all that apply)

- _____ Fiscal responsibility
- _____ Staff engagement and retention
- _____ Professional development of staff, including participation in MPRA
- _____ Community support
- _____ Engagement of community members
- _____ Development of innovative programs and facilities
- _____ Partnership with public and private entities to increase or improve recreation opportunities or environmental stewardship in the community
- _____ Dedication to equitable access to programs and facilities
- _____ Efforts improving community health and wellness
- _____ Efforts improving natural resource preservation

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MPRA Awards & Citations – Achievement in Partnership

Experience:

YES NO

_____ _____ Was this program, facility, or special project achieved through the MPRA member partnering with one or more public or private entities outside for cash or in-kind services. At least one partner must be from beyond the nominated agency's own government.

Partnerships must demonstrate excellence in three (3) or more of the following categories: (check all that apply)

- _____ Public/Private partnership
- _____ Any significant cost-sharing, with at least 25% of project's cost provided directly or through in-kind services by the partner
- _____ Any significant public support and engagement in the partnership
- _____ Demonstrated problem solving through innovative methods
- _____ Partnership was developed to solve a demonstrated need or problem in the community
- _____ Effective utilization of personnel from multiple parties
- _____ Impact made to the community through partnership
- _____ Long tenure of partnership, extending 1 year or beyond

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