

NACPRO



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION OFFICIALS

An Affiliate of the National Association of Counties and National Recreation and Park Association

2016 NACPRO Awards - Call for Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the NACPRO 2016 Awards. The annual NACPRO Awards Banquet recognizes and honors excellence in parks and recreation at the county, regional, special district level throughout the nation.

The presentation of awards will be held in Long Beach, California on Sunday, July 24 during the National Association of Counties Conference.

Award nominations will be submitted through an online form. Nominations submitted via email or postal mail will not be considered.

There is no limit to the number of award nominations you can submit.

The deadline for award submissions is February 26, 2016. An application fee of \$75 will be required to submit your nomination.

Award nominations are accepted only from agencies that have a NACPRO member. Not sure if your agency has a member? Call or email Brenda at (814) 927-8212 or Brenda@nacpro.org. Once your agency has an active member, you will have access to the online form. You will need your member's username and password to access the online form.

Award winners will be notified by April 15, 2016. Awardees are highly encouraged to attend the awards banquet held in Long Beach, California on Sunday, July 24 to be recognized and accept their award in person.

See page 4 for instructions on how to prepare and submit your award nomination.

For more information: Brenda Adams-Weyant at (814) 927-8212 or Brenda@nacpro.org

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Outstanding Public Official

This award is presented to a nominated, elected or appointed federal, state, or local official (including commissioners or board members) who has contributed significantly to the benefit of NACPRO member parks, recreation, leisure services and open space programs. Although the specific involvement may be with only a single park system, it should be truly exemplary to the parks and recreation field. This award is limited to two per year.

Professional

These awards are presented to nominated professionals who are employed by a NACPRO member agency. Previous awardees are not eligible for nomination.

Lifetime: Recognizes professionals who are retiring or leaving parks and recreation service. More than one lifetime award may be presented annually.

Fellow: Recognizes an exemplary professional currently employed in the parks and recreation service. This award is limited to one per year.

Friends of Parks and Recreation

These awards are presented to lay individuals who have made major contributions benefiting parks and recreation programs or facilities. Previous awardees are not eligible for nomination.

Outstanding Contributor: This award is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution of land or financial resources to parks and recreation. Although the contribution may be with only a single NACPRO agency, it should be truly exemplary. This award is limited to one per year.

Outstanding Volunteer: This award is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution of personal time and talent to a NACPRO member agency. Although the specific involvement may be with only a single park system, it should be truly exemplary. This award is limited to one per year.

Outstanding Support Organization: This award is presented to an organization that has responded in an exceptional manner by making a major contribution to benefit park and recreation programs or facilities. The contribution may involve facility or program development, operations, or organizational support. This award is limited to one per year.

PROGRAM AWARDS

Park and Recreation Program Awards

These awards are presented to recognize a NACPRO member agency that has provided a unique or exceptional program, activity, or event, which provides an outstanding example for others to follow. Nominations will be reviewed for the following: uniqueness, effectiveness in achieving program goals, and public response. These awards are limited to two per class.

Class I Parks and Recreation Program: This award is presented to county or regional park and recreation agencies with a population service area of less than 500,000.

Class II Parks and Recreation Program: This award is presented to county or regional park and recreation agencies with a population service area over 500,000.

AREA AND FACILITY AWARDS

All area and facility nominations will be reviewed for the following: overall layout, design elements, construction techniques, aesthetics and special aspects, funding and construction costs, community support, best practices, sustainability, and maintenance features. Previous awardees are not eligible for nomination. Areas and facilities that competed in the preceding calendar year are given additional consideration. These awards are limited to two per category.

Park and Recreation Areas or Facilities

These awards are presented to recognize and honor excellence in NACPRO member agency park and recreation facilities; to focus national attention (both public and professional) on the very best of facility design; to encourage outstanding efforts in planning, design, construction, and benefits to the community; and to serve as an example for others to follow.

Class I Park and Recreation Facility: This award is presented to county or regional park and recreation agencies with a population service area of less than 500,000.

Class II Park and Recreation Facility: This award is presented to county or regional park and recreation agencies with a population service area over 500,000.

Operational Facility

This award is presented to recognize a support facility of unique or significant design. Examples include but are not limited to maintenance facilities, administrative offices, and service centers.

Historical/Cultural Facility Award

This award is presented to recognize a unique facility development dedicated to historical or cultural preservation, programming and/or interpretation.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Environmental/Conservation Award

This award is presented to recognize an exceptional effort to acquire, restore, preserve, operate, or develop unique or significant conservation and natural areas or programs.

Removing Barriers Initiative

This award is presented to recognize a unique program or facility that enables and encourages greater participation in parks and recreation by persons with disabilities.

Planning Initiative

This award is presented to recognize a research or planning initiative that has provided the agency with important information to aid in decision-making and which contributes to a body of knowledge that will be valuable to other agencies.

Marketing

This award is presented to recognize a marketing effort demonstrating unique, significant, or exceptional outcomes. This award category includes projects involving market research, marketing plans, promotion, advertising, and use of information technologies.

Instructions

The deadline for award submissions is February 26, 2016.

1. Award nominations are accepted only from agencies that have a NACPRO member. Your membership needs to be active before you can submit an award nomination. Not sure if your agency has a member? Contact Brenda at (814) 927-8212 or brenda@nacpro.org. You cannot proceed with your nomination until you have an active membership and your member's username and password.
2. This year nominations will be submitted via an online form with a built in payment form. A non-refundable fee of \$75 per nomination is required. Check, Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.
3. There is no limit to the number of award nominations you can submit.
4. We recommend you prepare your submission first so that you can cut and paste your answers into the applicable form blocks. Cutting and pasting text from a PDF may result in form errors. **You will need to gather the following information to complete your nomination:**

- a) **Nominator Information:** Your name, agency, mailing address, phone number and email address.
- b) **Alternate Contact:** Name, phone number and email address.
- c) **Nomination information:** Individual or Project Name, Nominee's Title (if applicable), Nominee's organization, and population of area served (for class awards).
- d) **Achievement Narrative:** Please limit your narrative to 2-3 paragraphs (no more than 300 words total). If you want to reference a report, please include a URL to that report in the narrative.
 - For Individual Awards please describe the individual's role, a description of their actions, ideas, and support provided to your agency.
 - For Program, Facility or Special Awards please describe program or facility, its objectives and outcomes, where it was offered/built, timeframe, who was responsible for the initiative, public response, and a statement of why this initiative is unique and should be used as a model for others to follow.
- e) **Attach one document with support information:** clippings, testimonials, brochures, resume, or other documentation necessary to present a complete picture. If you have multiple files, please combine them into one PDF. This file should be less than 5 MB in size.
- f) **Attach one to three digital photos** of the candidate or project being nominated. Each upload can only be one file. Photos should be in jpg format and have a resolution of at least 300 dpi. Photos greater than 2 MB in size should be resized.

Log-in to enter your award nominations: <https://nacpro.starchapter.com/members.php>

Questions?

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