



YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

The Young Professional Award is presented to an individual who has shown qualities and skills needed to attain positions of leadership in the field through participation in professional organization such as SDPRA, their contributions to advancing the field, and their creativity in creating or managing programs.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. SDPRA membership (individual or agency) of at least three years and an active member of SDPRA.
2. Less than ten years of experience in parks and recreation field as a cemeteryman, forester, therapeutic, etc.

Nominee	Title
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Company/Agency	Phone No.
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Address	City	State	Zip
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Email	NRPA Membership No.
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Submitted By (contact)	Title
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Email	Date Submitted
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Essay and Questions

1. **Leadership:** Describe how the nominee has shown leadership skills. Include any involvement in SDPRA/NRPA or other associations, advocacy efforts, community outreach, and volunteer opportunities.
2. **Accomplishments:** Describe the nominee's accomplishments, including awards, commendations, honors, and professional advancement through their work in parks and recreation.
3. **Significant Contributions:** Describe the nominee's contributions to the park, recreation, and leisure field and why they are worthy of being recognized. Examples of contributions may include research, advocacy, community efforts to advance the field, and developing service through creative program development.
4. **Required Within 30 Days.** Please include a complete résumé of the nominee that includes their educational history and career summary. This will be used to submit awards further on to Midwest, national, or other awards within 30 days of recognition.
5. Letters of recommendation may be included as well as any certificates, media coverage, and pictures that support the nominee's achievements and contributions.

Please submit your nominations or questions to:

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