



Connecticut Recreation & Parks Association, Inc. Annual Awards & Scholarships

The 2017 CRPA Awards Program provides recreation professionals an opportunity to nominate those outstanding individuals who you believe deserve public acknowledgment for outstanding service in and around the field of parks and recreation. Please take the time to participate in this worthwhile program and submit a nomination for consideration.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO RECOGNIZE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION PROFESSION!

Presentation of the awards will be made at the 57th Annual State Conference on November 21, 2017.

Nomination procedures are as follows:

1. Any CRPA member in good standing may nominate candidates for each award.
(Membership is not required for nominees in select categories, as indicated below.)
2. **The deadline for submitting nominations is September 8, 2017.**
3. Send form(s) to: CRPA 135 Day Street, 2nd Floor, 2H 06111. P: 860.721.0384 F: 860.529.8708

Description of Awards

HALL OF FAME

Created to recognize any individual or organization that has made extraordinary contributions to the recreation, park, golf, or conservation movement in Connecticut. The parks and recreation profession owes its existence and growth to the vision and dedication of individuals who have worked to improve the quality of life in Connecticut.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This is the most prestigious award that CRPA offers. To receive the Distinguished Service Award, the nominee shall be a CRPA member and an individual who has made outstanding contributions, over a significant number of years, to the recreation, and/or parks field. Such contributions might be for outstanding leadership; committee work on a state or national level; outstanding service as a professional worker; research; promoting the profession; outstanding development of equipment, layout or design.

OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL AWARD

To receive the Outstanding Professional Award, the nominee shall be a CRPA member who has made outstanding contributions, over a period of 10 years or more, to the recreation and/or parks field.

"R. PETER LEDGER" YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Nominee must be a member of CRPA who has served 10 years or less and is deserving of recognition for achievements and accomplishments in the parks and recreation profession. **Winner of this award shall receive \$1,000** to be used for continuing education purposes (i.e. quarterlies, conferences, training institutes, etc).

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION AWARD

Nominee must be a member of CRPA who has served a minimum of 5 years and is deserving of recognition for dedication and commitment in the field of therapeutic recreation or helps to provide programs for people with disabilities.

PARK / FACILITY OF MERIT AWARD

This award will be given to a department who has developed or renovated an exceptional facility within the last 2 years. The director of the department/organization must be a current CRPA member.

PROGRAM OF MERIT AWARD

This award will be given to a department that has developed on outstanding ongoing program that is innovative, creative and unique in nature or that demonstrates a new twist on an old theme while still being consistent with current trends. This program must enrich a group, community, or individual and is characterized as an organized recreation or leisure activity that is offered either on a daily, weekly, seasonal, or annual basis. The program must be in existence for a minimum of two (2) years and the Director of the department/organization must be a member of CRPA in good standing.

SELECTED ORGANIZATION AWARD

The organization should have made an outstanding voluntary contribution to the field of public recreation and parks, significant enough to have had a stimulating effect on recreation at a town, city, state or national level. This award may be awarded to a commercial and/or a nonprofit entity. **Membership in CRPA is not required.**

"ABCD" AWARD

The individual should have gone "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty" by having made an outstanding contribution to the field of public recreation and parks, significant enough to have had a stimulating effect on recreation at a town, city, state or national level. This award is open to volunteers and part-time/seasonal, park or secretarial staff. *This award is not intended for full time Park & Recreation Professionals.* **Membership in CRPA is not required.**

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

For teenagers who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in park and recreation programs. **Membership in CRPA is not required.**

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

The Nominee shall be an individual elected or appointed to public office, at any level of government, who has provided unselfish service for at least three years in the interest of parks, recreation, conservation and/or community services. **Membership in CRPA is not required.**

DOROTHY G. MULLEN / CRPA SCHOLARSHIP \$500.00 GEORGE SANFORD / CRPA SCHOLARSHIP \$500.00

The Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association has established the Dorothy Mullen and George Sanford CRPA Scholarships to provide assistance to students majoring in recreation and/or park education.



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I would like to nominate _____ for the following Award:

**Please note: one award category submission per person or facility.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Selected Organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Therapeutic Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> ABCD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peter Ledger Young Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Leadership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Scholarships (2) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Facility of Merit |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Program of Merit |

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION COMPLETELY:

Nominee

Name: _____

(Facility of Merit) Facility Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (Day) _____

Email: _____

Nominator

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (Day) _____

Email: _____

Please return this form by September 8, 2017 to:

CRPA
135 Day Street, 2nd Floor, 2H
Newington, CT 06111

E-mail: val@crpa.com
Phone: 860.721.0384
Fax: 860.529.8708

Please submit this nomination form along with the criteria requested on the previous page.



CRPA Annual Awards Criteria

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide us with the following information & return **by September 8, 2017** to:
CRPA 135 Day Street, 2nd Floor, 2H, Newington, CT 06111. Phone: 860.721.0384 Fax: 860.529.8708
**Please note: nominees can only be nominated in one award category; multiple entries will not be reviewed.*

Distinguished Service, Outstanding Professional, Young Professional, & Therapeutic Recreation

1. Name of candidate
2. Award category
3. Educational background (*school/degree*)
4. Current position, organization name and location, and number of years in current position
5. Brief career summary, stating positions, locations and length of service in each position
6. Professional affiliations and activities (*i.e. memberships, committees - include dates*)
7. Leadership in professional associations (*include dates*)
8. Contributions to professional conferences (*include dates*)
9. Program/Facility development in community
10. Honors and awards received (*include dates*)
11. Service to the community (*include dates*)
12. Achievements of special note
13. For the Young Professional Award: Please provide two (2) letters of recommendation.

Please include any additional information you feel would help the Awards Selection Committee in making their decision.

Selected Organization, Youth Leadership, & "ABCD"

1. Name of candidate or organization
2. Award category
3. Name of parks and recreation department assisting/working for and years of service
4. Capacity in which the candidate has served their local parks and recreation department
5. List any other services to the community

Please include any additional information you feel would help the Awards Selection Committee in making their decision.

Public Service

1. Name of candidate
2. Award category
3. Position held in public office (*include number of years*)
4. Capacity in which the candidate has served or advocated for the interests of parks, recreation, conservation and/or community services
5. List any other services to the community

Please include any additional information you feel would help the Awards Selection Committee in making their decision.

Park / Facility of Merit

1. Name and location of facility
2. Award category
3. Date renovation commenced
4. Date renovation was completed
5. Reason for renovation
6. Funding sources for renovation
7. Before and after pictures of renovation
8. Population of town/city
9. Number of people facility serves (*rough estimate*)

Please include any additional information you feel would help the Awards Selection Committee in making their decision.

Program of Merit

1. Name of program
2. Award category
3. Brief description of program, including what makes it exceptional
4. Year the program was developed
5. Funding sources for program
6. Population of town/city
7. Number of people program serves, including age range
8. Marketing material & media coverage, if any, for event

Please include any additional information you feel would help the Awards Selection Committee in making their decision.

Dorothy G. Mullen / George Sanford Student Scholarships

1. Name of student
2. Award category
3. College/Institution currently enrolled (*include start date & expected graduation date*)
4. Declared major
5. Provide official transcript (*copies are acceptable*)
6. Internships/Volunteer work in the parks and recreation field (*include dates & locations*)
7. List other awards or activities
8. Include a letter of recommendation from either a college professor or a parks & recreation industry professional

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