

**Denver Bennett Memorial Program Award: (Class I & II)** This award in the form of a plaque will be presented annually to not more than one Department for an outstanding overall program of activities (multiple programs) conducted by a park, recreation, conservation agency, public or private non-profit agency organization in each Class. Candidates must be nominated by New Mexico Recreation and Park Association members only.

A program of activities is defined as a group of programs, classes, and special events that have been offered to the citizens within the timetable of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. This award will be judged using certain criteria, some departments may not reach all of the outlined criteria, which is expected from the Awards Committee. The award will be judged using the following criteria:

1. How the program of activities was developed - survey process; citizen input (in what form).
2. Mission statement of department/division. Goals and objectives of department/division,
3. How program of activities was implemented? Operations procedures? How does a program get put into place? How to keep a program alive after a key staff person leaves the department?
4. Numbers of citizens served in a calendar one year time period and what is that percentage of total population served.
5. Variety of offerings - age groups; abilities; social, recreational, educational, and cultural programs.
6. Budgeting process for programs. Operating budget. Donations.
7. How are your programs evaluated and how do the programs reflect the evaluation process? (Do you modify every year based upon your evaluation process?)
8. Participant to staff ratio (the ratio should meet or exceed the national standard of 15 participants to 1 staff member.)

Please be sure to include an organizational chart of the department and the population size of your county, city, town, village, or user-base.

**Outstanding Volunteer Award: (Class I & II)** This award in the form of a plaque may be presented annually to a person in each Class who has demonstrated exemplary volunteer service to a park or recreation organization. This service may be in the form of hours worked from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008; the development and implementation of programs, parks, trails, open space, etc.; or other areas which in the opinion of the Awards Committee entitles the individual to consideration.

Plus substantial supporting documentation - when applicable i.e. resume, letters of reference, newspaper clippings, etc.

**Duke Jory Scholarship Award:** This award will be given to two people - one an undergraduate and one a graduate student the meet the outlined criteria. This award will be in the form of a cash amount determined upon fund availability. A framed citation will also be presented along with the cash award. Plus substantial supporting documentation - when applicable i.e. resume, letters of reference, newspaper clippings, etc.

1. Need to be an undergraduate senior or junior or a graduate student recreation major or from a field related to Parks and Recreation to include: Special Education; Forestry; Health and Fitness; Wildlife Management; Agronomy, Landscape Architecture, or Public Administration.
2. Applicant must be a member of the New Mexico Recreation and Park Association.
3. Applicant must have a written recommendation from a practitioner stating why he/she should receive a scholarship.
4. Applicant must include a resume of experience, volunteer or paid in recreation, parks or natural resources.

5. Undergraduate applicant must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better. Graduate applicant must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better. A transcript must be included with the application.
6. Applicant will fill out the application form and include all the necessary information, which then should be mailed to the awards committee.

**Citations:** There will be three types of citations awarded - a citation for an individual, an organization and a **commercial** vendor. One person, organization and **commercial** vendor from each community will be awarded a citation based upon nomination from a New Mexico Park and Recreation Association Member and that the nominee meets the following criteria or is considered as deserving of the citation by the Awards Committee.

These awards in the form of a plaque may be presented annually to a person, organization or commercial vendor that has made an outstanding contribution to the recreation and parks movement by supporting and promoting the movement at all levels, serving as a Board or Commission member; serving on a citizen committee to raise funds, secure approval of a bond issue, donating monetary support, etc.; or other service which in the opinion of the Awards Committee entitles the individual to consideration. Plus substantial supporting documentation - when applicable i.e. resume, letters of reference, newspaper clippings, etc.

**Distinguished Professional Award:** This award in the form of a plaque may be presented annually to not more than one qualified professional member of the NMRPA. The following criteria are outlined for consideration of candidates for this award. Plus substantial supporting documentation - when applicable i.e. resume, letters of reference, newspaper clippings, etc.

1. Candidates must hold membership in the NMRPA and the NRPA and hold certification in the NMRPA.
2. Candidates must have at least 8 years experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor, administrator, consultant, or a combination of these services in the field of recreation and parks.
3. Candidates must have made contributions to the profession through the NMRPA, NRPA, its Branches, Affiliates, or the former professional organizations.
  - a. Distinctive leadership in the promotion, and organization of development of a pioneer-type activity in the field of recreation and parks.
  - b. Outstanding service to the profession through the allied fields of arts, crafts, sports, physical education, health and safety education, design, park maintenance, horticulture, education, consultant services, etc.
4. Candidates, as evidence of leadership, must meet at least one out of each of the following groups of qualifications listed below:
  - a. Elected office of NMRPA, NRPA a Branch or Affiliate of NRPA.
  - b. Member of NMRPA Board, a state or community organization board, the National Forum of NRPA or a Regional Council or such comparable body.
  - c. Member of any NRPA or Branch committee on a national or regional level, or chairperson or NMRPA committee.
  - d. Professional research, publication, speeches, service on panels, etc. such as major addresses to groups, and radio or television talks given in the interest of promoting recreation and parks. Research which has helped advance the profession, original contribution which has affected the philosophy or practice of the professions; or service as a member of a national or regional panel on the recreation and parks movement.

**Outstanding Young Professional Award:** This award in the form of a plaque may be presented annually to not more than one qualified professional member of the NMRPA. The candidate must not turn 35 prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year after the award is presented. (example: September of 2009 awarded – does not turn 35 until after Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010). This is requested so the candidate will be eligible for the Southwest Regional Young Professional Award, which is given in the spring of the following year. Plus substantial supporting documentation - when applicable i.e. resume, letters of reference, newspaper clippings, etc.

1. Candidates must hold membership in NMRPA, NRPA and hold certification in the NMRPA.
2. Candidates must have at least three years as a leader, instructor, supervisor, administrator, consultant or a combination of these services in the field of recreation and parks.
3. Candidates must meet at least one of the following qualifications:
  - a. Must have been actively involved in the NMRPA, NRPA as evidenced by service in an elective or significant appointive capacity.
  - b. Must have contributed to the recreation and parks movement through advocacy of its concepts as evidenced by publication of articles or service as a speaker, moderator or panelist before national, regional or state professional or lay groups.
  - c. Must have demonstrated responsible performance in the delivery of service in support of the recreation and parks movement in a state or local arena of practice.

**Outstanding Therapeutic Recreation Professional:** This award in the form of a plaque may be presented annually to not more than one Therapeutic Recreation Professional of NMRPA. Plus substantial supporting documentation - when applicable i.e. resume, letters of reference, newspaper clippings, etc.

1. Candidates must meet the following qualifications:
  - a. Must have been actively involved in the NMRPA, NRPA as evidenced by service in an elective or significant appointive capacity.
  - b. Must have contributed to the therapeutic recreation movement through advocacy of its concepts as evidenced by publication of articles or service as a speaker, moderator or panelist before national, regional or state professional or lay groups.
  - c. Must have demonstrated responsible performance in the delivery of therapeutic recreation services in a state or local arena of practice.
  - d. Must hold membership in the NRPA, NMRPA in the TR Branch, and hold CTRS certification.
  - e. Must have at least five years of experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor, administrator, consultant, or combination of these services in the field of therapeutic recreation.

**Park/Trail/Bikepaths Design Award: (Class I & II)** This award in the form of a plaque will be presented annually to not more than one department in each class for an outstanding completed design of all phases of a park or recreational trail. Candidates must be nominated by New Mexico Recreation and Park Association members.

Criteria for this award are as follows:

1. Organization membership in the NMRPA.
2. Design reflects multiple use; accessibility as defined by the ADA; & attention to safety/risk management
3. The Awards Committee will be looking at recreational/aesthetic value; use of space; use of foliage; energy conservation; design as it relates to segregation of activities.
4. All sources of funding and the operating budget must be submitted.

Please include photos or video of the nominated park or trail along with a one-page overview of the design process of the project.

**Parks/Grounds Maintenance Award:(Class I & II)** This award in the form of a plaque will be presented annually to not more than one department in each class for the outstanding maintenance of parks, entryways, athletic fields, medians, or trails. Landscaping, cemeteries, golf course and building grounds will not be considered. Candidates must be nominated by New Mexico Recreation and Park Association members.

Criteria for this award are as follows:

1. Organization membership in the NMRPA.
2. All sources of funding and the operating budget must be submitted.
3. Maintenance schedule; method of maintenance documentation; standards used to measure maintenance ; number of park/maintenance staff ; # of sites and total acreage that is maintained by staff;
4. Description of services provided by parks/maintenance staff.
5. Photos or video of the nominated areas along with a one-page overview of the maintenance process.

**Facility Design Award: (Categories: \$1 million and over, and Under \$1 million)** This award in the form of a plaque will be presented annually to not more than one department in each category for outstanding design & completion of a community building, recreation facility or structure, (i.e. 2009 awarded to a facility built between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2008).

Criteria for this award are as follows:

1. Organization membership in the NMRPA.
2. Submission of all sources of funding and the operating budget.
3. A one-page synopsis describing the community use of the facility in relation to recreational programming.
4. A video or photos of the facility
5. Design should reflect multiple use; accessibility as defined by the ADA; and attention to safety and risk management.
6. The Awards Committee will be looking at play features; use of space; energy conservation; design as it relates to segregation of activities.
7. Landscaping reflects the geographic area and energy conservation.
8. Documentation showing that the facility meet needs that were identified by a community needs assessment.

\*Note: Make sure to follow format listed above. If awards committee determines that the nomination was submitted in the improper category you will be notified and it will be placed in the proper category. In the future, this could result in disqualification. Contact the nomination's chairman for qualification.

**Arts and Humanities Award:** This award in the form of a plaque will be presented annually to not more than one Department for an outstanding arts and humanities award. The winner of this award will automatically be nominated for the Dorothy Mullin Arts and Humanities Award Southwest Regional Award. The following form must be completed for consideration by the Awards Committee. The award classes based on population will change at the Regional Award Level. Include substantial supporting documentation - when applicable i.e. resume, letters of reference, newspaper clippings, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Leisure Service Agency or Director is a member of the  
Recreation and Park Association/Society and NRPA. (state)

Title of the individual program to be judged: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Population served by the Leisure Service Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Person in charge of the program to be judged: \_\_\_\_\_

Write a brief description of the overall Arts and Humanities program and relationship to the specific program to be judged. Include the variety of activities offered, cross section of the population served; length and duration the program.

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Innovative nature of the individual program to be judged. Include the reason why the program was established; interagency cooperation, if any; is it original or not in your opinion; what community needs does it fulfill? 60%.

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What has this specific program done to expand the interest in the Arts and Humanities? 20%.

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\_\_\_\_\_

Operating budget for the overall program \_\_\_\_\_ and individual program \_\_\_\_\_.

Was grant funding used? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how much? \_\_\_\_\_. Number of participants in the program \_\_\_\_\_. Number of staff used \_\_\_\_\_. Describe major approved innovative programs for the next budget year (10%)

\*Note: Be sure to include completed forms when submitting for nominations or this will result in disqualification. If you should have any questions, please contact the awards chairman. Additional supporting information is encouraged.

**Enchantment Award:** This award is designed to honor one Parks and Recreation Agency that exemplifies the mission of service within the recreation movement. The award will be in the form of a plaque. The award criteria is designed to review an agency's total operation. Agencies vying for this award are required to submit the following information along with a one-page synopsis of the nomination. Plus substantial supporting documentation - when applicable i.e. resume, letters of reference, newspaper clippings, etc.

1. The Agency or the Director must be a member of the NRPA and the NMRPA.
2. A copy of the master plan and the survey process (if an independent source need copy of the results).
3. Agency mission statement, goals and objectives and proof of goal accomplishment. (from one calendar year of 2007 or 2008).
4. Organizational chart. Staff breakdown - full-time, part-time - numbers.
5. General functions of the agency.
6. Operating budget - Total budget - Revenue generation.
7. Services provided to citizens.
8. Numbers of participants in agency services.
9. Any information that shows your agency as overcoming hardships to provide programs and services for citizens.

**Name of Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Services Provided by the Department:**

**Waterfront:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Open Space** \_\_\_\_\_

**Keep America Beautiful Program** \_\_\_\_\_

**Civic Center** \_\_\_\_\_

**Aquatic Programs** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recreation Programs** \_\_\_\_\_

**Library** \_\_\_\_\_

**Golf Courses** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tourism/Visitor Centers** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cemeteries** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parks** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**Innovation Award:** This award in the form of a plaque will be given to not more than one agency that has an outstanding creative or innovative programming idea. The nominee must have implemented this idea between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2008. The idea must demonstrate creative thinking and true innovation in the provision of quality recreation programming. All nominees must be members of the NMRPA. As this is an innovative award, the Awards Committee will not designate criteria other than NMRPA membership to allow for ideas that we would never think of when trying to develop criteria! Include substantial supporting documentation - when applicable i.e. resume, letters of reference, newspaper clippings, etc.

**NMRPA Recreation Program of the Year Award: (Class I & II)** This award in the form of a plaque will be presented annually to not more than one Department for an outstanding recreation program conducted by a park, recreation, conservation agency, public or private non-profit agency organization in each Class. Candidates must be nominated by New Mexico Recreation and Park Association members only. Include substantial supporting documentation - when applicable i.e. resume, letters of reference, newspaper clippings, etc.

- A. A recreation program is defined as a program, class/course, or special events that reflects a cultural, educational, social or recreational nature and has been offered to the citizens within the time-table of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. This award will be judged using certain criteria, some departments may not reach all of the outlined criteria, this is expected from the Awards Committee. This award will be judged using the following criteria:
1. Description of the program. What makes this program unique? Why would anyone want to be involved?
  2. How the program of activities was developed - survey process; citizen input (in what form).
  3. Mission statement of department/division. Goals and objectives of the program.
  4. How the program was implemented? Operations procedures?
  5. Number of times the program was offered, the number of citizens served in a calendar year (2007 or 2008) in the program
  6. Population served in the program. Please be sure to include an organizational chart of the department.
  7. Budgeting process for the program. Operating budget. Donations.
  8. How was your program evaluated and how does the evaluation process change the program?
  9. Participant to staff ratio (the ratio should meet or exceed the national standard of 15 participants to 1 staff member.)

\*Note: Make sure to follow format listed above. Additional supporting information is encouraged.

## **NMRPA Therapeutic Recreation Program of the Year Award: (Class I & II)**

This award in the form of a plaque will be presented annually to not more than one Department for an outstanding therapeutic recreation program conducted by a park, recreation, conservation agency, public or private non-profit agency organization in each Class. Candidates must be nominated by New Mexico Recreation and Park Association members only.

- A. A therapeutic recreation program is defined as a program, class, or special events that reflects a cultural, educational, social or recreational nature and has been offered to the citizens within the time-table of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. Day-care type programs will not be considered. This award will be judged using certain criteria, some departments may not reach all of the outlined criteria, this is expected from the Awards Committee. This award will be judged using the following criteria:
1. Description of the program. What makes this program unique? Why would anyone want to be involved? How does this program promote leisure education or recreation skill development?
  2. How the program of activities was developed - survey process; citizen input (in what form).
  3. Mission statement of department/division. Goals and objectives of the program.
  4. How the program was implemented? Operations procedures?
  5. Number of times the program was offered, the number of citizens served in a calendar year (2007 or 2008) in the program
  6. Population served in the program.
  7. Budgeting process for the program. Operating budget. Donations.
  8. How was your program evaluated and how does the evaluation process change the program?
  9. Participant to staff ratio (the ratio should meet or exceed the national standard of 15 participants to 1 staff member.)

Please be sure to include an organizational chart of the department and the population size of your county, city, town, village, or user-base.

\*Note: Make sure to follow format listed above. Additional supporting information is encouraged.

**NMRPA Senior Services Program of the Year Award: (Class I & II)** This award in the form of a plaque will be presented annually to not more than one Department for an outstanding senior services program conducted by a park, recreation, conservation agency, public or private non-profit agency organization in each Class. Candidates must be nominated by New Mexico Recreation and Park Association members only. Plus substantial supporting documentation - when applicable i.e. resume, letters of reference, newspaper clippings, etc.

A. A senior services program is defined as a program, class/course, or special event that reflects a cultural, educational, social or recreational nature and has been offered to senior citizens within the timetable of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. This award will be judged using certain criteria, some departments may not reach all of the outlined criteria, this is expected from the Awards Committee. This award will be judged using the following criteria:

1. Description of the program. What makes this program unique? Why would anyone want to be involved?
2. How the program of activities was developed - survey process; citizen input (in what form).
3. Mission statement of department/division. Goals and objectives of the program.
4. How the program was implemented? Operations procedures?
5. Number of times the program was offered, the number of citizens served in a calendar year (2006 or 2008) in the program
6. Population served in the program.
7. Budgeting process for the program. Operating budget. Donations.
8. How was your program evaluated and how does the evaluation process change the program?
9. Participant to staff ratio (the ratio should meet or exceed the national standard of 15 participants to 1 staff member.)

Please be sure to include an organizational chart of the department and the population size of your county, city, town, village, or user-base.

\*\*Note: Make sure to follow format listed above. Additional supporting information is encouraged.

**Aquatic Program Award: (Class I & II)** This award in the form of a plaque will be presented annually to not more than one Department for an outstanding aquatics program conducted by a park, recreation, conservation agency, public or private non-profit agency organization in each Class. Candidates must be nominated by New Mexico Recreation and Park Association members only. Plus substantial supporting documentation - when applicable i.e. resume, letters of reference, newspaper clippings, etc.

Criteria are as follows: (Program has been offered within the timetable of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008 – choose one calendar year)

1. Documentation detailing how your organization assessed the aquatics needs of the community.
2. What has been implemented as a result of the assessment?
3. Total attendance from year prior to program and year of program (% of increase/decrease)
4. Number and type of facilities operated.
5. Describe the agency's staff training and risk management program.
6. List types of programs and participation.
7. How does the agency promote water safety in the community?
8. Provide a copy of the aquatic program's operating budget.
9. What special challenges have been faced and how have they been addressed?

\*Note: Make sure to follow format listed above. Additional supporting information is encouraged. This award is not for previously recognized programs and is given annually to a different program.