



**2018 WRPA ANNUAL AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS & BOARD
NOMINATIONS
– CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS**

Fellow Award

1. Membership in the Wyoming Recreation and Parks Association. Former members or individuals who have not been members, but have worked in the field of parks and/or recreation, now retired, may be exempt from this or other requirements.
2. Experience:
 - a) At least 8 years full time experience as a leader, professor, supervisor, director, administrator, or a combination of the same in the field of parks and/or recreation.
3. Service:
 - a) Contribution primarily through the Association and to consist of extra or plus service.
 - b) Distinctive leadership in promotion, organization, and development of pioneer-type activity in parks and/or recreation.
 - c) Meritorious service to the profession through allied fields of the arts, crafts, physical education, athletics, health education, park design, park maintenance, horticulture, education, consultation, and others.
4. Character:
 - a) Fine moral character which reflects favorably upon him/her and the profession.
 - b) Evidence of leadership- Candidates must meet at least one of the leadership qualifications listed below:
 - An elected officer in the Wyoming Recreation and Parks Association.
 - An elected officer of one of the branches of the NRPA.
 - An elected officer of other state and national organizations which are affiliates of NRPA.
 - Service in the capacity of a board member for an agency or organization involved in the field.
 - Service on a citizen's committee whose purpose is to improve the quality or quantity of leisure services or facilities through the raising of funds, passage of bond issues, or general support of an agency or organization of the field.
 - Any other involvement or service to the field or profession which in the opinion of the Awards and Scholarship Committee entitles the individual for consideration.

Citation Individual

1. An individual not employed in the field of parks and recreation, which has made an outstanding contribution to parks, recreation, or conservation at the local, state, regional or national level in one or more of the following ways, may be considered for the Individual Citation.
 - a) The preparation, sponsorship, or active support of legislation favorable to the advancement of the field or profession.
 - b) The active support and promotion of the field or profession through acquisition, development, and/or maintenance of areas, or the organization or conduct of the activities and services.
 - c) The development of new or innovative facilities or services.
 - d) The training or education of professional park, recreation and conservation personnel.
 - e) Any other involvement or service to the field or profession which in the opinion of the Awards and Scholarship Committee entitles the individual to be considered.

Citation Organization

1. An organization not employed in the field of parks and recreation, that has made an outstanding contribution to parks, recreation or conservation at the local, state, regional, or national level in one or more of the following ways, may be considered for the Organization Citation.
 - a) The preparation, sponsorship or active support of legislation favorable to the advancement of the field or profession.
 - b) The active support and promotion of the field or profession through acquisition, development, and/or maintenance of areas, or the organization or conduct of the activities and services.
 - c) The development of new or innovative facilities or services.
 - d) The training or education of professional park, recreation and conservation personnel.
 - e) Any other involvement or service to the field or profession which in the opinion of the Awards and

Outstanding Professional

1. Membership in the Wyoming Recreation and Parks Association.
2. Minimum of 3 years of full-time experience in the field.
3. This award may be made annually to no more than 1 member of this Association.
4. Any person who has made an outstanding contribution to the field. This contribution must have been in the form of 2 or more of the following.
 - a) Displayed an interest in furthering their professional background by attending and/or participating in workshops, conferences, and seminars.
 - b) Displayed a desire to further professional growth through continued education and/or obtaining further certifications.
 - c) Displayed a desire to further their professional growth through active involvement in parks, recreation, aquatics committee/section work.

Young Professional

1. Membership in the Wyoming Recreation and Parks Association.
2. Minimum of 2 years of full-time experience in the field, but no more than 8 years full-time experience.
3. 35 years old or under.
4. This award may be made annually to no more than 1 member of this Association
5. Any person who has shown qualities and skills needed to attain positions of leadership in the field through two or more of the following:
 - a. Participation in professional organizations
 - b. Contributes to advancing the field through creativity in designing or managing programs.
 - c. Displays interest in furthering professional growth through continued education and/or obtaining further certifications.

W.R.P.A. BOARD NOMINATIONS

Elections will be held at the annual W.R.P.A. Conference. The following board member positions will expire at that time:

Secretary

Eligibility for the office of Secretary:

- Candidate must have served on the Board of Directors or the Advisory Council for at least a complete one-year term
- Candidate must be a voting member in good standing of the Association.
- Candidate must be a resident of the State of Wyoming.

Member at Large Positions (3 positions)

Eligibility for the office of Member at Large:

- Candidate must be a voting member in good standing with the WRPA.
- Candidate must be a resident of the State of Wyoming.

WRPA SCHOLARSHIPS

Scott Sessions Memorial

- The WRPA has scholarship funds available to any WRPA member who desires to pursue training in the area of parks and/or recreation. Amount requested should not exceed \$500.00.

Paul Petzoldt Memorial

- The WRPA has scholarship funds available to any WRPA member who desires to pursue further training in the field of parks and recreation, with an emphasis on outdoor recreation. Amount requested should not exceed \$500.00.

Great Western Park & Playground

- One scholarship will be available through Great Western Park & Playground; amount requested should not exceed \$500.00. Scholarships are available to current members of the WRPA who desire to pursue further training in the area of parks and/or recreation.

Children's Play Structures

- To apply for a scholarship, return the nomination form on the previous page, with the following information:
- Current resume
- Training or school where scholarship would be utilized
- A brief statement of why you think this training is important and benefit it would provide
- Amount requested should not exceed \$500.00.

Annual WRPA Conference Scholarship

- One scholarship will be available through WRPA to a full-time or part-time (20 hours per week on average per year) WRPA member who desires to pursue further training in the field of parks and/or recreation at the 2018 WRPA Conference in Sheridan, WY.
- To apply for the scholarship, return the nomination form with the following:
 - Letter of support from current agency
 - Current Resume
 - A brief statement of why you think this training is important and benefit it would provide
- Amount requested should not exceed \$250.00.