

## **2019 WVRPA AWARD GUIDELINES**

The following awards are being offered by the WVRPA for outstanding accomplishments under qualifications, rules and procedures listed herewith. Please read the list of available awards and submit any nominations you may have to:

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### **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS AUGUST 1, 2019**

#### **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL NOMINATIONS:**

1. The person placing the nomination before the Awards Committee shall be prepared to appear before the committee in order to answer any questions that members of the committee may have and to supply any additional information that may be pertinent to the nomination but not included in the nominating materials.
2. Nominating documents for the Awards shall be displayed at the annual Conference so format, design and presentation must be considered in this light. Nominating documents must be submitted the appropriate protective binders.
3. All nominating documents will become the property of the WVRPA. In all likelihood the materials will be returned, but as they are scheduled for display at the Conference, the WVRPA cannot guarantee their return in the same condition as they were received.
4. All nominations must be submitted by a member of the West Virginia Recreation and Park Association.
5. Nominees do not have to be members of the West Virginia Recreation and Park Association, unless stipulated in the qualifications.
6. A park, recreation or leisure service agency in West Virginia may nominate one of its own employees, programs, areas or facilities for an award.
7. An investigation committee composed of two members with the closest proximity to the agency that has been nominated for a program or a facility award must visit and make an evaluation, in writing, and report back to the full committee.
8. All nominations must be received by the chairperson of the Awards Committee by

no later than September 1 of each year.

**FORMAT FOR NOMINATING DOCUMENTS:**

- Section I: A letter of presentation that identifies the nominee, the award being requested, a contact person for the Awards Committee to interview and a person to present the award if the nominee is selected.
- Section II: Narrative materials that describe and "sell" the worthiness of the nominee or the award. Each element of the Awards criteria must be fully addressed in this section.
- Section III: Letters or documents of support for the nominee from various segments of the community.
- Section IV: As appropriate, either a biographical sketch of the person or a chronology of the development of the program, area, facility, etc.
- Section V: Supporting documentation such as press releases, brochures, photographs, architectural drawings, and other visuals. (This is especially encouraged in the facilities category.)

**LIMITATION OF AWARDS:**

It is to be understood that any or all of the Awards offered by the West Virginia Recreation and Park Association may or may not be given in any particular year. Unless obvious justification can be made for the presentation of an award, no award will be given, as to do so would reduce the prestige on the part of the previous recipients.

**WEST VIRGINIA RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION AWARDS:**

**John G. Scherlacher Fellow Award**

**Qualifications:**

1. The recipient must have demonstrated an intense dedication toward the provision of park and recreation services through a minimum of ten years experience in a leisure service delivery system.
2. Recipient must have been a member of the West Virginia Recreation and Park Association for at least five years and during that time have demonstrated a willingness to assume superior leadership within that organization.
3. Continued development in one's professional career must be demonstrated.
4. Involvement on a regional or national level toward making contributions in the field of parks and recreation is highly desirable.
5. The recipient should be an effective role model of a successful park and recreation department and be a leader for persons entering the leisure services

profession.

**Number of Awards Per Year:** One

**Selection Process:** By the Awards Committee upon written recommendations of the membership and examination of the nominating documents.

**Note:** This is the highest award that can be given to a professional within the State of West Virginia by the WVRPA.

**Austin C. Palmer Outstanding Facility Award**

**Qualifications:**

1. The facility must be designed in such a manner as to afford delivery of leisure service programs for a large segment of the geographic area for which it was designed to accommodate.
2. Preference should be given toward facilities, which are public (including commercial rather than private).
3. The facility should be aesthetically pleasing.
4. Sound evidence of functional design must be present.
5. Evidence must be shown that the facility is programmed to its maximum potential.
6. The facility must be operated for at least one year prior to nomination.

**Number of Awards Per Year:** Maximum of Three. Two of the awards are to recognize specific individual facilities, and one award is to recognize an area of development.

**Selection Process:** By the Awards Committee upon recommendation of the membership and examination of the nominating documents.

**Note:** Duplicate awards will be given with the intent that one award will be placed at the facility with the second award to be made available to the designer/consultant/architect.

**Eugene M. Fuller Program Award**

**Qualifications:**

1. Evidence must be given of outstanding programming of superior quality in promoting activities that are traditionally associated with park, recreation and leisure services or in developing innovative programming ideas resulting in a new program either for the general population or to the benefit of a special deserving population.
2. Evidence must be given to considerable acceptance of the program on the part of the patrons served.

**Number of Awards Per Year:** Maximum of Three.

Two of the award to recognize specific program functions and one award is to recognize an overall delivery system.

**Selection Process:** By the Awards Committee upon recommendation of the membership and examination of the nominating documents.

**Note:** The Program Award may be given to either an individual or an agency, upon determination by the Awards Committee of the most likely recipient.

**Special Citation To A Citizen Board Member**

**Qualifications:**

1. Any person who has made a significant contribution toward the park, recreation, or leisure service field in a position whereby no financial remuneration is made in compensation for that particular expenditure of time and effort is eligible for the award.
2. Evidence must be shown of a firm understanding of and commitment towards providing quality leisure services.
3. Evidence must be shown that such individual's expenditure of time and effort has been beneficial beyond the scope of Local jurisdiction and had made a significant contribution toward improving leisure service delivery at the regional or statewide level.

**Number of Awards Per Year:** Maximum of Three

**Selection Process:** By the Awards Committee upon recommendation of the membership and examination of the nominating documents.

**James L. McClelland Public Parks and Recreation Facility Award**

This award is given to a public park and recreation organization, which has designed and constructed an exceptional park and recreation area, space or facility.

It may be a park, building, or an outdoor or indoor space, which serves the general public. Examples, not intended to be exhaustive are; athletic and sports facilities, playgrounds, gardens and arboreta, environmental centers, cultural arts facilities, aquatic facilities and special facilities such as ice skating rinks, in-line skating facilities, historical parks, public cemeteries, or any other quality public park and recreation facilities.

Emphasis is placed upon design, whereby a concept has been articulated and followed through to completion and operation. Emphasis is also placed on creativity - how uniquely a space or facility meets its intended uses and its challenge within the personality of place, upon environmental adaptability, upon function - how well it works for its intended purpose, and upon user, community and where applicable, inter-agency involvement in planning.

Specific criteria to be covered if applying for the award are:

1. Name, address, phone number and FAX number of the Public Park and recreation organization applying for the award.
2. Name of contact person.
3. Description of the space or facility.
4. Documentation of mission and program for the space or facility.
5. Map of county, city and/or park within which the space and/or facility is located.
6. Architectural or landscape plans and visuals, if available.

7. 8 1/2" X 10" photographs showing design and function: i.e. at least two photographs of the space or facility illustrating unique architectural/landscape treatment and at least two photographs showing the space or facility in use.
8. Documentation of cooperative involvement.
9. Explanation in form of relationship to: "surroundings", other major spaces and facilities, line, form, color and texture, dominance of feeling (how the space or facility creates a sense of place and induces a sense of pride in user, observer and community.)
10. Explanation of how the design and function meet the challenges with creativity and uniqueness.

**Number of Awards Per Year:** Maximum of One

**Selection Process:** By the Awards Committee upon recommendation of the membership and examination of the nominating documents.

### **Richard P. Sebastian Leadership Award**

#### **Qualifications:**

1. The recipient must show an active membership in WVRPA. (Examples: Attendance of Annual Conference, participation in workshops and membership on committees.)
2. Recipients must be 30 years of age or younger on January 1 of the current year.
3. Recipient should exhibit qualities of ambition, creativity, and dedication to the recreation profession and should have a cooperative hardworking, loyal nature.

**Number of Awards Per Year:** One

**Selection Process:** By the Awards Committee upon recommendation of the membership and examination of the nominating documents.

### **Presidential Citation**

#### **Qualifications:**

1. Outstanding contribution to the field of parks and recreation above and beyond the normal duties of his or her office or profession.
2. Considerable involvement of time and energy toward improving the overall park and recreation services on a statewide level in an endeavor or endeavors, which do not afford the recipient, direct financial gain.
3. The recipient need not be a professional park and recreation leader in the State of West Virginia nor is membership in the WVRPA required.

**Number of Awards Per Year:** One

**Selection Process:** The President of the West Virginia Recreation and Park Association may select a qualified recipient with or without recommendations by the membership.

### **Legislative Award**

#### **Qualifications:**

1. Any member of the Senate or the House of Delegates of the State of West Virginia or the United States Senate or in the House of Delegates from the State of West Virginia.

2. Evidence must be given of a firm understanding for the need of, and a commitment toward, providing quality leisure services.
3. The recipient need not be a professional park and recreation leader in the State of West Virginia nor is membership in the WVRPA required.

**Number of Awards Per Year:** Maximum of Two

**Selection Process:** By the Awards Committee upon recommendation and advice of the WVRPA President and the Chair of the Legislative Committee.

**Past Presidents Award**

The outgoing President of the West Virginia Recreation and Parks Association shall receive an appropriate award to commemorate the completion of a full term of service to the West Virginia Recreation and Parks Association. The award is to be presented as part of the annual conference.

**Conference Chairperson Award**

An award of recognition for the successful administration and organization of the conference will be presented to the chairperson of the state conference at the annual banquet on the **year following** his or her tenure as conference chairperson, upon determination by the Awards Committee that such administration resulted in a conference that contributed significantly to the growth, both professionally and financially of the state association.

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AND  
PARK ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS THE

John G. Scherlacher Fellow Award

TO

Beverly Gibb

FOR

Her outstanding contributions and dedication to the WVRPA

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AND  
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James L. McClelland Public Parks and Recreation Facility Award

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Legislative Award

TO

Patsy S.Trecost, II

FOR

His dedication and Legislative Contributions to the City Parks of Clarksburg  
and the WVRPA

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AND  
PARK ASSOCIATION

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Conference Chairperson Award

TO

Bruce Miller

FOR THE

2014 ANNUAL WVRPA CONFERENCE

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Presidential Citation

TO

David P. McKinney

FOR HIS

Years of Service and Dedication

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Past Presidents Award

TO

John Cooper

For His  
Dedication and Leadership of the WVRPA

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Richard P. Sebastian Leadership Award

TO

Calvin Todd

For his dedication and service to the WVRPA

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Special Citation to a Citizen/Board Member

TO

William D. Kelley

FOR

HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION  
TO THE  
GREATER HUNTINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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**2015 WVRPA AWARDS:**

**Cunningham Scholarship:**

**Conference Chairperson Award:** 2014 ANNUAL WVRPA CONFERENCE  
Bruce Miller

**Eugene M. Fuller Program Award:**  
City Parks of Clarksburg  
“Barktoberfest”

**James L. McClelland Public Parks and Recreation Facility Award:**

**Richard P. Sebastian Leadership Award:**  
Tony Michalski                      Calvin Todd

**Legislative Award:**  
John Cooper                      Patsy S. Trecost, II

**Special Citation to a Citizen/Board Member:**  
Greater Huntington Parks & Recreation District  
Board of Commissioners  
William D. Kelley

**Presidential Citation Award:**



Maryann Haldeman

David P. McKinney

**Past President Award:**

John Cooper

**John G. Scherlacher Fellow Award:**

John Cooper -

Bev Gibb