

DELAWARE RECREATION AND PARKS SOCIETY RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

As defined in the Bylaws of the Constitution, the Recognition and Awards Committee will make recommendations to the Executive Board on an annual basis for recognition of individuals and /or groups in the parks, recreation, and conservation fields. All such awards, when approved by the Executive Board, are to be made in the name of the Delaware Recreation and Parks Society.

Due to the nature of services rendered to parks, recreation, and conservation in the state of Delaware, more than one category of recognition is deemed appropriate as outlined below.

All members of the Delaware Recreation and Parks Society should consider it their responsibility to bring nominees for awards to the attention of the Committee. Nominees will generally be considered only for the category for which they are nominated. The application forms are attached and copies may be made.

Presentation of Awards and Recognition

1. Awards and recognitions are normally presented at the annual banquet.
2. It is the responsibility of the Executive Board to determine the date of the annual banquet and to advise the Recognition and Awards Committee.
3. It is the responsibility of the Recognition and Awards Committee to seek nominations for the awards from the membership of the Delaware Recreation and Parks Society sixty days in advance of the presentation.
4. All recipients will be awarded with and appropriately inscribed plaque.

Awards Categories

A. George T. Sargisson Fellow Award: Current Members Only

1. This award may be granted to an individual employed in the field of recreation, parks, natural and historical resources, and conservation and a member of DRPS.
2. This award may be given to one individual who has contributed significantly in the field over a period of ten or more years.

B. Outstanding Organization Award: (Members and Nonmembers)

1. This award may be granted to any organization conducting programs in the field and is considered to be exemplary in its programs.
2. This award will be given to only one organization annually for its outstanding work.

C. Friends of Recreation: (Nonmembers)

1. This award is conferred upon any person or organization who has made important contributions toward the advancement and development of parks and open space or the advancement and development of recreation, educational, or cultural programs or facilities in the state of Delaware.
2. More than one nominee may be chosen in this category.

D. Legislative Award:

1. Presented to an elected or appointed official who has made contributions which directly benefit parks, recreation, natural and historical resources, conservation, or the Delaware Recreation and Parks Society through the legislative process.
2. Award may be given to one or more individuals.

E. Achievement Award: (Members and Nonmembers)

1. This award may be granted to any individual(s) employed in the field of recreation, parks, natural and historical resources, or conservation for their significant contribution of a service or project which directly benefits the profession of the Delaware Recreation and Parks Society, its programs, and/or objectives.
2. This award is intended to include but not be limited to recreation programmer/leader, park management/maintenance, recreation and/or park administration, resource conservation/management, etc. In making nominations to the Committee, you should indicate in what area of responsibility the nominee is employed.

F. Honorary Life Membership Award: (Members or Former Members)

1. Honorary Life membership will be conferred upon any person who has either been an active member of the Delaware Recreation and Parks Society for no less than ten years or retires from the professional field while still a member of DRPS.
2. This award carries with it full lifetime membership with no annual dues.

G. President's Award is granted to the outgoing Past President of the Society upon the completion of his or her term in office.

H. Outstanding Member of the Delaware Recreation and Parks Society will be selected and presented by the President of DRPS.

I. The Scholarship and Fellowship Awards recipients will be selected by the Delaware Recreation and Parks Society Recognition and Awards Committee.