

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY AWARD

Nominations are due Friday, August 2, 2019 by 5:00PM

About

ORPA's Legislative Advocacy Award honors an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to the parks and recreation field through legislative leadership and advocacy within the last five years. Individuals and organizations may be honored for legislative leadership/advocacy at the local, county, regional, state, and/or federal level. Example outcome(s) of their work may include but are not limited to:

1. Public policy work that supports parks and recreation in general;
2. Legislative/advocacy work that creates new funding, resources, or programs for parks and recreation agencies;
3. Defeat or repeal of legislation that is harmful to parks and recreation programs or activities; and/or
4. Efforts that increase elected officials' awareness of and/or support for parks and recreation.

Nominees for the Legislative Advocacy Award may be an elected public official at the federal, state, county or local level; a volunteer member of a public board or commission; a private citizen or organization; or professional staff of a parks and recreation agency. Nominees need not be ORPA members.

Please prepare the following info to submit online:

1. Your Name, Title, Agency, Email, Phone and Relationship to Nominee.
2. If nomination an individual, please provide the nominee's Name, Title, Agency, Email, and Phone.
3. If nominating an agency, please provide the agency's Name, Agency Contact, Contact Title, Email, and Phone.
4. If the nominee is an individual, please select (check) their role from the following options:

<input type="checkbox"/> Local elected official (municipal or park district)	<input type="checkbox"/> Citizen volunteer advocate
<input type="checkbox"/> County elected official	<input type="checkbox"/> Private organization
<input type="checkbox"/> State elected official	<input type="checkbox"/> Park/recreation staff
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal elected official	<input type="checkbox"/> Other professional (please list) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Advisory board/committee member	
5. Please provide an overview of the nominee's legislative/advocacy achievements and their impact. Describe the nominee's key legislative activities, the issues/needs addressed, the time frame in which the activities occurred, any specific legislation that was passed or defeated by the nominee, and the difference made by the nominee's legislative efforts. (Responses limited to 2,000 characters.)
6. Describe any challenges or difficulties addressed during the nominee's legislative efforts and the amount of time devoted to achieving the results described in the previous question. (Responses limited to 1,500 characters.)
7. Describe in what way the nominee's legislative efforts have encouraged others to be involved in the effort or to advocate on behalf of parks and recreation. (Responses limited to 1,500 characters.)
8. Any other info about the nominee that you think should be considered (Responses limited to 1,000 characters.)
9. You must agree to submit a 2-3 minute video or slide presentation that highlights your nominee's achievements if they are selected.

How to nominate someone:

Go to the following survey monkey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LegAdv2019>. Submit all information that you have prepared (above).

Nominations and supporting materials are due by Friday, August 2, 2019. ORPA will not accept any nominations past this date. Videos or slide decks for award winners are due by September 30, 2019