NSPA Awards of Excellence

In honor of NSPA’s 20th anniversary, we are expanding our awards program to acknowledge and celebrate more organizations and individuals contributing to student success. The following outlines our new organizational and individual award categories. The application process will include both self-nomination and outside nomination. The award winners will be determined by the NSPA Awards Committee.

Organizational Awards

The Scholarship Provider of the Year Award showcases scholarship providers that leverage their unique resources to strengthen college access and success, advance industry or professional performance, kick-start innovation, and improve conditions in their community and beyond. One outstanding scholarship provider will be selected from each category:

- Small Scholarship Providers: scholarship organizations or institutions that award less than $500,000 in scholarships annually.
- Large Scholarship Providers: scholarship organizations or institutions that award $500,000 or more in scholarships annually.

The Keystone Award is given to an industry a partner or consultant who demonstrates exemplary support of the scholarship provider and higher education community. The award recognizes a company engaged in the sale of products or services to members of NSPA, who has made especially outstanding contributions to the advancement of the scholarship community.

Individual Awards

The Ann Radcliffe Award recognizes the invaluable, exceptional contributions made by an individual to their organization and the scholarship profession. This award is named in honor of Lady Ann Radcliffe Mowlson, the first person to contribute a financial aid scholarship.

The NSPA Fellows Award is a recognition bestowed upon mentors, presenters, volunteers, and authors who
create and expand knowledge and insight into the strategic issues around scholarship administration and student access.

Eligibility
- Organizations must be current NSPA members in good standing.
- 2015-2019 winners are ineligible to apply.
- Applicants must submit an application. One letter of recommendation, on official letterhead, will be required for The Keystone Award, The Ann Radcliffe Award, and The NSPA Fellows Award. You will be prompted to upload your letter of recommendation at the end of the application.

Each award recipient will receive:
- A congratulatory plaque for display.
- Complimentary #NSPA2020 Conference registrations (one group registration for organizational winners and one individual registration for individual winners).
- Recognition at the 2020 NSPA Annual Conference.
- Recognition on the NSPA Awards of Excellence page.
- Opportunity to review and select future award winners.

Applications are due by Friday, September 11 at 11:59 PM EST.

For more information, contact Nicolette del Muro at ndelmuro@scholarshipproviders.org or 303-442-2524 x500.

* 1. Please select from the following options to begin:

- I am applying for the Scholarship Provider of the Year Award
- I am applying for The Keystone Award
- I am applying for The Ann Radcliffe Award
- I am applying for The NSPA Fellows Award
- I would like to submit a nomination
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Please limit your responses to 150 words per question.

* 27. Describe any new or innovative initiatives you launched.

* 28. Describe any improvements or enhancements you've made to existing programs or procedures.

* 29. List any honors, awards or other recognition you've received from your employer(s) or organizations related to your employment.

* 30. Give examples of the ways you have provided sustained thought leadership and positive impact within your organization and the association community at large.

* 31. An NSPA Fellows Award candidate should be a leader in the scholarship community, a visionary and strategic thinker, demonstrating a focus on the future, risk-taking, and an entrepreneurial spirit to establish innovative programs in his or her sphere of influence. How does this describe you?
Describe your contributions to the scholarship provider community in the following areas. Enter ‘NA’ if applicable. Please limit your responses to 150 words per question.

* 32. Service on boards, councils and committees

* 33. Speaking, facilitating or teaching

34. Publication of articles or reports