

Taking the Mystery Out of the NRPA Awards Process

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Innovation Awards

- Innovation in Conservation Award
- Innovation in Equity Award
- Innovation in Health Award
- Innovation in Park Design Award
- NRPA Best in Innovation Award



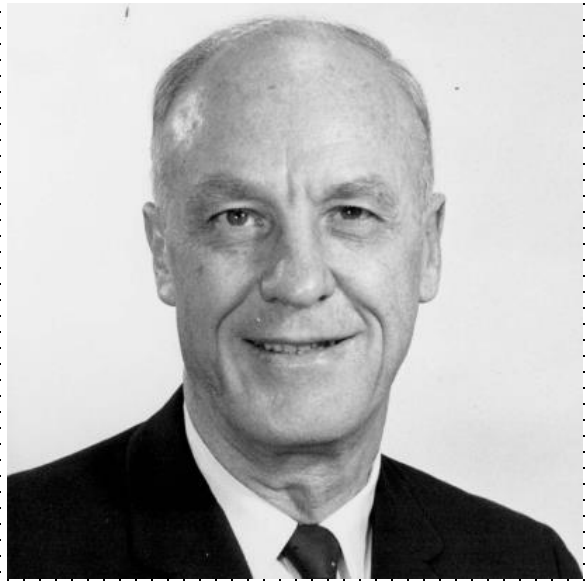
Spotlight Awards

- National Distinguished Professional Award
- Dirk Richwine Professional Mentoring Award
(New in 2023)
- Robert W. Crawford Young Professional Award
- Robert M. Artz Advocate Award
- Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt Award for
Excellence in Recreation and Park Research
(Awarded on a 3-year cycle. Next awarded in 2024.)



Fellowships & Scholarships

- Young Professional Fellowships
(up to four recipients)
- Diversity Scholarships
(up to two recipients)
- Student Scholarships
(up to two recipients)



**Robert W. Crawford
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Hall of Fame**



Parks and Recreation 30 Under 30

www.nrpa.org/30under30



National Gold Medal Award

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Submission Tips

- Logging in
- Checking eligibility criteria
- Differentiating your submission
- Good writing matters

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Scoring Insight

- Application questions
- How scoring is done by fellow park and recreation professionals
- When scoring is close, writing matters.
- Keep in mind – judges are human too!

The Process - 2023

- Submissions accepted starting January 6
- Submissions due Friday, March 24
- Committee reviews April-May
- Committee meets in May
- Winners announced in June
- Best in Innovation winner revealed at 2023 NRPA Annual Conference in Dallas

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