

2010 ORPS Awards

The Oklahoma Recreation and Park Society annually recognizes and honors a select number of its members, citizens and organizations in the State of Oklahoma who have rendered outstanding service to the recreation, park and conservation movements.

NOMINATION POLICY

In order to receive more nominations, the Honors & Awards Committee is changing the way it receives nominations.

Anyone can nominate an individual or group.

Nominations must be received by September 30, 2010.

Awards will be given in November, 2010 at the ORPS Annual Conference.

2010 Award Categories

- **Distinguished Service**
 - **Young Professional**
 - **Citation**
 - **President's Citation**
 - **Retired Members Award**
- **Award of Excellence – Program/Special Event**
 - **Award of Excellence – Facility**
 - **Professional Development Grant**
- **Ben Sumrall Memorial Youth Sports Scholarship**

Distinguished Service

May be presented to one professional member of the association annually.

- Professional membership in ORPS for a minimum of ten (10) years.
- At least ten (10) years experience as
- a leader, supervisor, administrator, consultant, professional member or educator, or a combination of these services in the field of recreation and parks
- Must be a registered member of the society; if retired, must have been a registered member of the society.
- Contributions to the profession through ORPS, NRPA, its branches and/or allied organizations.
- Distinctive leadership in the promotion, organization and development of a pioneer type activity in the field of recreation and parks.
- Outstanding service to the profession through the allied field of arts, crafts , physical education, sports, health and safety education, design, park maintenance, horticulture, education, consultation services, etc...
- Fine moral character
- Candidates must meet at least one of each of the following groups of qualifications:
 1. Elected officer of ORPS, NRPA, Regional Council, AAHPERD, AAU, ACA, National Industrial Fitness Council, State Affiliates, etc...
 2. Council or board work in ORPS, NRPA or state/community agencies.
 3. Committee work in ORPS , NRPA or allied organizations
 4. Evidence or professional research, publications, or participation in professional conference as a speaker or panel member.
 5. Original contribution which has affected the philosophy or practice of the profession.

Young Professional

May be presented to up to three professional members of the association annually

- Must be thirty four (34) years old or less.
- Professional member of ORPS.
- At least three (3) years experience as a leader, supervisor, administrator, consultant or combination of the above in the field of parks and recreation.
- Must have contributed to the park and recreation movement through advocacy of it's concept, as evidenced by publication of articles or service as a speaker, moderator or panelist before national, regional or state professional or lay groups.
- Must have demonstrated responsible performance in the delivery of service in support of the park and recreation movement in a state or local arena of practice.

Citation

May be presented to individual laymen or to organizations

- **Individual** – Any person who has made an outstanding contribution to the recreation, park or conservation movement. This contribution may be made in the form of preparing or sponsoring legislation; supporting the movement at all levels; serving as a board or commission member; serving on a citizens committee which works to raise funds; securing approval of bond issues; and any other services which would entitle the individual to consideration
- **Organization** – Any organization which as made an outstanding contribution to the recreation, park or conservation movement.

President's Citation

May be presented to two professionals and/or laymen.

- Any member of ORPS may submit names of candidates.
- Any person who is a professional or laymen who has made outstanding contributions to ORPS and the recreation, park or conservation movement.

Award of Excellence

- Program/Special Event
- Facility

Three awards per category may be presented annually to agencies demonstrating outstanding quality and professionalism in the areas of parks and recreation programming and facility design and function.

*An agency may only receive one award per category annually. Multiple entries per category by an agency will be accepted.

- **Program/Special Event Category** – Factors to be considered include: The program concept's uniqueness and originality...community needs that were served by the program...initial goals or programs and achievements realized...funding sources...revenue produced...marketing methods employed...use of sponsorships...interagency cooperation...use of volunteers...private sector and non profit organization involvement...etc.
- **Facility/Project Category** – Factors to be considered include: How the facility/project compliments existing parks and recreation programs and facilities...special or innovative design features...efficiencies realized in energy utilization...maintenance requirements...supervision requirements...accessibility improvements for general public and special populations...creative financing schemes...private sector or nonprofit organization involvement... involvement...cooperative agreements...construction by agency staff...quality of workmanship...special features...improvements realized in public service...etc
- **Nominations for the Award of Excellence should be accompanied by a narrative demonstrating the department's achievements and should include supporting documentation; ie...photos, slides, video tapes, scrap books, etc...**

Professional Development Grant

May be presented to two members of the association annually. Grant shall be up to \$250 per award winner

- Must be a current member of ORPS and have served ORPS in one or more of the following capacities:
 - a. Held an elective office
 - b. Chairperson of an established committee
 - c. Significant appointed position
 - d. Conducted an ORPS workshop
- Grant given for registration towards any conference, schools, or workshops that are parks and recreation related.

Ben Sumrall Memorial Youth Sports Scholarship

One award per category may be given annually to promote youth sports participation to those who otherwise would be unable to participate. Each scholarship is \$200.

Categories

- Park & Recreation Department
- Community Center/Service Providers

Applicants for this scholarship should include information regarding their program content, how it is funded and how the scholarship would be used to promote youth sports. Eligible applicants will be sorted into one of the two categories, and scholarships will be selected and awarded on a random basis.

2010 Nomination Form

(Please check appropriate award & give brief description of reason for consideration – please use a separate form for each nomination)

All nomination forms, digital pictures or other supporting information must be on a disk.

Distinguished Service _____ Young Professional _____

President's Citation _____ Citation _____ Retired Member _____

Award of Excellence (Program/Special Event) _____

Award of Excellence (Facility) _____

Professional Development Grant _____

Ben Sumrall Memorial Youth Scholarship _____

Nominee _____ Phone _____

Complete Address _____

E-mail _____

Nominator _____ Phone _____

Complete Address _____

E-mail _____

Please briefly describe nomination and reason for nomination:

**Please note all award nominations must be received by :
September 30, 2010**

**Address to:
Jan Scott
Yukon Parks & Recreation 532 W Main, Yukon, OK 73099**