

National Recreation & Park Ethnic Minority Society

Ira Hutchinson

2019 Annual Awards Program

The NRPEMS Awards and Citation Committee is pleased to announce the 2019 award Program and detailed herein.

You are encouraged to participate in the Society's efforts to recognize the deserving person, facilities and programs that advance parks and recreation services in 2019.

Award Categories

Selection Criteria

Ernest T. Atwell

The highest yearly award
That may be given to any
Member or non-member.

Nominee must have been a member or actively engaged with the NRPEMS, NRPA, or local state association for (10) years.

Must have displayed outstanding leadership through committee work (e.g., served on one or more committees for three (3) years or more) or through Board membership (e.g., during two or more consecutive terms have accepted responsibilities and performed services above and beyond accepted standards.)

Must have maintained high professional standards (e.g., through service and deed and has typified the meaning of a park and/or recreation professional.
Nominee initiated and sponsored outstanding recreation and park programs at the local, state or national level for ten (10) or more years.

Programs must be lasting in value and/or be an initial project that has served as the standard for other projects as the local, state, or national level.

SERVICE

The second highest
yearly award that may
be given to any
NRPEMS member

Nominee must have held a NRPEMS membership for a minimum of three (3) years.

Must have performed a service to the Society in an outstanding manner
(e.g., committee work for more than three (3) years).

Must have served one (1) term as a Board member and during that time have accepted responsibilities and performed services above and beyond accepted standards.

ACHIEVEMENT

Awarded to any
current NRPEMS
member for one (1)
or more of the
following criteria

Nominee must have one of the following:

- displayed innovative recreation programming
- Must have developed innovation play equipment
- Has had a special benefit to mankind, committees, the Society or the parks and recreation field.

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RECOGNITION

Given yearly to any firm, individual, or Organization for one (1) or more of the following criteria. (membership not required)

Nominee made an outstanding contribution to parks and recreation in one of the below categories:

- Recognized publication/media regarding parks and/or recreation.
- Partnership that enhanced Parks and Recreation
- Sponsorship that impacted Parks and Recreation

Initiation and sponsorship of an outstanding recreation and park program at the local, state or national level for one (1) or more years.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL

35 years of age or less as of December 31 in the nominating year. (membership not required)

Must have more than (2) years of experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor, administrator, consultant, or a combination of these in the field of parks and recreation.

Must have displayed distinctive leadership in promotion, organization and development of pioneer-type activity in the field of parks and recreation.

Must have outstanding service to the profession through the allied fields of arts, crafts, sports, health and safety education, design, park maintenance, horticulture, education, consultation services, etc.

Must have high recommendations and respect from the staff within the agency for which the nomination now works.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:
Friday, September 6th 2019**

MAIL TO: Shonnda R. Smith
Senior Director of Parks and Recreation
City of Mobile Parks & Recreation Department
48 North Sage Avenue | Mobile, Alabama 36607

Or email: shonnda.smith@cityofmobile.org

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Nomination Form

Award Category _____

Nominee _____

Title/Position _____

Agency/Organization _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Nominated by (contact person) _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Telephone Number _____ Email: _____

Nomination Procedures

- Review the eligibility requirements and selection guideline to assure that your nominee is eligible for the nomination.
- Complete the nomination form.
- Include letters of support from two (2) or more persons in the profession.
- Using the established criteria as a guide, summarize specific reasons why the nominee deserves consideration as an award recipient.
- Organizational nominations may include program brochures, photos and support letters from local leaders and officials.
- **Submit to:** Shonnda Smith @ Shonnda.smith@cityofmobile.org
- Entries must be received by Friday, September 6th.