



2025 TRPA FELLOW AWARD APPLICATION

The Fellow Award is TRPA's highest honor, recognizing individuals who have significantly contributed to and influenced TRPA and the parks and recreation profession throughout their careers. Since 1972, this accolade has celebrated professional members who have made exceptional contributions to the fields of parks, recreation, and conservation beyond their regular duties. This award is intended to honor sustained contributions rather than a single achievement and is not necessarily awarded every year.

Each section of the Fellow Award Application is assigned a specific point value, with the total possible score amounting to 100 points. Additionally, each section has a designated word limit that applicants must adhere to. Exceeding the specified word count will result in point deductions, ensuring submissions remain concise and within the established guidelines.

CONTACT INFORMATION: (5-point value)

NOMINEE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY (TRPA PROFESSIONAL MEMBER): _____

AGENCY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: 50-point value; (10 pts per each bulleted section)

This award recognizes dedicated professionals who have demonstrated long-term commitment to the recreation and parks industry. Eligible nominees must have an established history of involvement with TRPA and substantial experience contributing to the profession.

- **Nominee must have held membership in TRPA for at least five (5) years.**
 - TRPA Membership Years: _____
- **The nominee must have a minimum of ten (10) years in the general field of Parks, Conservation and Recreation.**
 - Identify & list 10-years of employment and/or professional experience.

- **The nominee must have demonstrated leadership through active service on TRPA committees, the Executive Board, or other designated areas of special service within the organization. List all that apply in provided location below:**

TRPA EXECUTIVE BOARD &/or ELECTED OFFICE

POSITION & DATES OF SERVICE:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

TRPA COMMITTEE(S)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

OTHER SPECIAL SERVICE WITHIN TRPA (name & date):

- *The nominee must have made a substantial contribution to the profession on a national, state or local level.*

NATIONAL, STATE OR LOCAL - BOARD & COMMITTEES (include name of board & dates of service):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

- *The nominee has demonstrated outstanding leadership and influence by advancing the profession through various contributions. These may include publishing articles, hosting podcasts or webinars, delivering impactful speaking engagements, and sharing thought leadership on professional networks. Their efforts may also extend to consulting, mentorship, and community advocacy, enhancing the profession's visibility and credibility.*

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP THROUGH DEVELOPMENT & INFLUENCE:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

The following items must adhere to the following formatting requirements: a maximum length of one (1) page, with 1-inch margins on all sides (top, bottom, left, and right), and text formatted in Arial, size 12.

NARRATIVE (200 WORDS OR LESS) (15-PT VALUE)

Write a narrative describing the nominee and how they are a distinguished leader whose innovative initiatives, strategic leadership, and commitment to service have strengthened the field, employees, community and the organization they serve within Parks, Recreation, and Conservation profession.

TWO (2) LETTERS OF REFERENCE: (20-PT VALUE): Each submission must include exactly two (2) letters, with each letter addressing at least three of the specified criteria below or more. Letters must be limited to one (1) page, single-sided.

- **Service to TRPA:** Contributions through state, district, or section activities, as well as involvement in other professional and community organizations.
- **Leadership Achievements:** Demonstrated ability to communicate a vision, set direction, make executive decisions aligned with organizational values, and serve as a change agent within an organization, community, or region.
- **Strategic Change Initiatives:** Success in developing and implementing initiatives that enhance capacity building, strengthen leadership, or improve planning processes.
- **Collaborative Efforts:** Experience in forming cooperative ventures, partnerships, alliances, or coalitions based on common goals to maximize resources for long-term success.
- **Mentorship & Professional Development:** Commitment to advancing the profession through mentoring professionals, succession planning, or training initiatives.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: (10-PT Value) (50 words or less describing the nominee. To be used as part of the ceremony if the nominee is chosen.) Ensure this section is placed on a separate page with 1-inch margins on all sides—top, bottom, left, and right—and is formatted in Arial, size 12.