

Award Nomination Form

Please duplicate and use a separate form for each nomination. Please complete the nominating form, attach a one-page narrative and submit to the SSPRPA Awards Chairperson by **Friday, March 9, 2018**. The narrative must include content that corresponds to the individual award criteria.

- ☐ **SSPRPA Professional of the Year**
- ☐ **SSPRPA Member of the Year**
- ☐ **SSPRPA Young Professional of the Year**

Please type or print clearly

Nominee: _____

Certifications: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominator: _____

Agency: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

____ **Narrative** attached

SSPRPA Member Milestones **SSPRPA Park Board Member Milestones**

SSPRPA Member and Park Board Member Milestones will be recognized during the SSPRPA Awards Program. Milestone should be achieved between April 2, 2017 - April 1, 2018. If you know someone please send us their information. Candidates should have been in the park and recreation field for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 or more years, or are retiring. SSPRPA would like to recognize our members and board members in their milestone year.

Name: _____ Member Commissioner
Years of Service: 5 10 15 20 25 (circle) (please circle)

If more than 25, how many years served? _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Return all nomination forms and narratives to:
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2018 Awards Recognition

Professional of the Year

Young Professional of the Year

Member of the Year

Member Milestones

Park Board Member Milestones

2017 Award Recipients

Professional of the Year

Cate O'Brien

Young Professional of the Year

Lauren Marino

Member of the Year

(Not awarded 2017)

*This booklet is available on the SSPRPA website and has been
e-mailed to every SSPRPA member.*

The Quest for Excellence

The South Suburban Park and Recreation Professional Association has created an Awards and Recognition Program for park and recreation professionals and commissioners. It is the intention of SSPRPA to recognize the individual who demonstrates the "vision" to achieve excellence in leisure programming and service.

Do you know a fellow professional who deserves recognition? Someone whose contributions have made a significant impact in the field of Parks and Recreation? Someone who has shown excellence in promoting parks and recreation within the SSPRPA? Someone who has exhibited outstanding leadership service and professional commitment? SSPRPA offers several opportunities to recognize excellence in our profession.

The SSPRPA Awards and Recognition Program honors outstanding individuals for their professional contributions as well as their commitment to SSPRPA.

All SSPRPA members are invited to nominate candidates for one or more of the awards described in this application.

Nomination forms and narratives are due to the SSPRPA Awards Chairperson by **Friday, March 9, 2018**.

The SSPRPA has created a fair and equitable way to choose a deserving candidate per award. The judges of these awards are comprised of seven (7) members including the Awards Committee Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, and five additional current SSPRPA members selected by the Awards Committee.

Awards and Milestone Certificates will be presented at the SSPRPA Awards Ceremony on April 12, 2018 starting at 11:00am at LWSRA in New Lenox.

Professional of the Year

This SSPRPA Award recognizes an individual who has created awareness of the importance of parks and recreation among their communities and must have made a significant impact within an SSPRPA agency from the previous year.

Candidates for the Professional of the Year **must** meet the following criteria:

- Individual must be a current SSPRPA member
- Served for five (5) or more years full time as a park and recreation professional
- Holds a National Certification that maintains continuing education credits
- Must have made a notable contribution to SSPRPA by serving in the capacity of a current or former committee chairman or by serving on the Executive Board

Candidates for the Professional of the Year must meet **a minimum of five** of the following criteria:

- Dedication and experience in developing quality parks, facilities and recreation services for the agency they serve
- An active participant on an SSPRPA committee
- Accomplishments achieved as a professional benefit the agency they serve
- Professional involvement in Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) and/or National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) committees
- Demonstrate leadership qualities
- Recognizable achievements and service of the Park and Recreation field within the candidate's local community.
- Additional professional certifications that benefit the local agency

Member of the Year

This SSPRPA Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated exemplary skills in providing recreation services for the South Suburban Park and Recreation Professional Association.

Candidates for the Member of the Year **must** meet the following criteria:

- Individual must be a current SSPRPA member
- Served a minimum of one (1) year of employment in a park and recreation agency
- Must have contributed to the overall success of SSPRPA
- Major contribution during the previous year to SSPRPA

Candidates for the Member of the Year must meet **a minimum of three** of the following criteria:

- Motivated to achieve goals
- Demonstrated leadership qualities
- Positive attitude
- Dedicated to the park and recreation field as a role model to others
- Team player

Young Professional of the Year

This SSPRPA Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates potential in making significant contributions to the park and recreation profession.

Candidates for the Young Professional of the Year **must** meet the following criteria:

- Individual must be a current SSPRPA member
- Served a minimum of one (1) year but less than five (5) years full time as a park and recreation professional
- Must have participated on SSPRPA committee

Candidates for the Young Professional Award must meet **a minimum of five** of the following criteria:

- Volunteered for SSPRPA event(s)
- Demonstrate a commitment and promotion of the park and recreation movement within the candidates local community
- Achieved notable success within the candidate's agency
- Hold a certification that maintains continuing education credits or units
- Demonstrated leadership qualities
- Additional professional certifications that enhance and/or benefit the local agency
- Professional involvement in Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) and/or National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) committees

GO GREEN!

Submit your nomination/s online by Friday, March 9, 2018.
for the SSPRPA Awards at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JXGMWMK>

Nomination form and Years of Service Award Form on back of booklet.