

Virginia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
Award Criteria

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- I. Name: Recreation Professional of the Year

- II. Criteria
 - A. A recreation professional is defined as a person who has a major responsibility for teaching recreation pre-professionals/professionals, or for conducting recreation programming and/or administration in an educational, public, or private recreation setting for at least five years.

 - B. The candidate must be a current member of VAHPERD.

 - C. In addition, the candidate must be a person who:
 - 1. Serves as a positive role model epitomizing the values and desired outcomes of recreation;

 - 2. Demonstrates enthusiasm for the recreation profession and his/her role in it;

 - 3. Shows interest in and sensitivity to the needs of students, clients, and fellow professionals;

 - 4. Utilizes various methodologies and implements creative, innovative, safe, and effective courses/recreation programs based on; a)the developmental, social, and psychological needs of students and clients and b) the philosophies, purposes, needs, and resources of the sponsoring institution;

 - 5. Assumes responsibility for his/her professional growth and evidences professional commitment through membership and involvement in local, state, and national recreation organizations.

- III. Rules for Nomination
 - A. Any recreation professional who meets the criteria may apply personally for this award or be nominated by a colleague.

- IV. Application
 - A. Nominations must be submitted (typewritten) to the Chair of the Awards Committee by April 1.

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- B. The Chair of the Awards Committee will send the candidate a Candidate Application Form@ and publicity release form by April 10.
- C. The application form and publicity release form must be completed by the nominee and returned to the Chair of the Awards Committee by June 15.
- D. Three to five reference letters from school officials, colleagues, supervisors or parents should be submitted with the application.
- E. Attach separate sheets, if needed, to expand on the candidate's qualifications under the Awards Policy and Procedures criteria. Major consideration for the award will be given to those criteria.
- F. Additional supporting material such as current resume, course outlines, programs and newspaper clippings may be included. Please DO NOT INCLUDE video tapes.
- G. Nominees, if not selected, shall remain eligible for a period of two years.