

# Montana Recreation and Park Association Media Excellence/Citation of Merit Award Nominations Deadline September 12, 2011

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**Do you know a media representative, organization or parks and recreation advocate that you would like to recognize? Why not take a few moments and nominate them for consideration of an MRPA award.**

The Montana Recreation and Park Association, an affiliate of the National Recreation and Park Association presents two awards annually to recognize individuals or agencies for significant contributions to Parks and Recreation. Awards will be presented at the MRPA Annual Conference Awards Banquet at the annual meeting in Billings Sept. 28-30.

**Purpose:** To recognize and honor individuals and organizations for exemplary service and outstanding contributions to parks, recreation and conservation in Montana.

**Categories:** Media Excellence, and Citation of Merit

**Eligibility:** Open to individuals and organizations in the state of Montana. Qualifications are listed below for each category.

To make a nomination prepare a brief biographical statement of the nominee and an abstract, not to exceed 200 words, that describes why you are making the nomination. Include your name and contact information as well as nominee Contact information and return it by **September 12** to:

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## **AWARD ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Media Excellence**

The media excellence award is presented annually to the writer, artist, mass media reporter, publisher or media corporation/state who has significantly contributed to the general public's understanding and greater awareness of public parks, recreation and conservation programs.

- This may be achieved through such media as general circulation books, magazines, newspapers, news collection organizations, broadcast stations, anthologies of photographs or art works, mass circulation films, or other outlets.
- The work or materials must be of local, regional, or state significance which has stirred public consciousness and concern, unveiled data of a pivotal and lasting nature, highlighted a trend and/or created new concepts and viewpoints regarding parks, recreation and conservation.
- The work, publication or production must have received broad circulation among the general public, either in a community or region within the state of Montana.

### **Citation of Merit**

This award honors significant contributions from either an individual or organization whose involvement has had a positive impact on parks and recreation at the regional, state, or national level. Organizational involvement which affected the general field rather than for commercial reward or profit in the form of but not limited to the following:

- Outstanding volunteer services
- Development of improved college curriculum in the field through enlarging staff or re-organization
- Active support of MRPA and / or NRPA at the regional, state, or national level
- Development of new equipment, apparatus, or layout of facilities or development of procedures, research or recruitment of professionals to the field