



Sask Recreation Awards – Outline

The Sask Recreation Awards pay tribute to the outstanding contributions of individuals, organizations and communities who improved the quality of life for others through recreation in Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) is proud to celebrate award winners from across the province and admire the impact they make to ensure everyone has an opportunity to be active, get involved in programs, enjoy our parks, and connect with nature.

The Sask Recreation Awards are recognized in the following categories:

Community Wellbeing Award - honours any community or municipality in Saskatchewan for an innovative and successful recreation or parks project that contributed to improved social wellbeing for people in their community. This can include anything from addressing inclusion and access to environmental stewardship, supporting active living policies and programs, or improving tourism or economic development opportunities.

Leadership Excellence Award - honours an individual employed in the recreation and parks industry in Saskatchewan who demonstrated exemplary leadership within their organization or community. "When making extraordinary things happen in organizations, leaders engage in what we call "The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership:" modelling the way, inspiring a shared vision, challenging the process, enabling others to act, or encouraging the heart."- James Kouzes and Barry Posner, *The Leadership Challenge*.

Volunteer Champion Award - honours an individual who contributes a significant portion of their leisure time to the recreation and parks industry improving the health and wellbeing of individuals, their community, or the environment.

Nominations for each award opens in spring and winners are notified by early summer. Announcements involving each award winner occurs in early to late fall.

Award winners receive:

- Recognition across social media, e-newsletters, the SPRA website & more!
- A promotional video telling their story and celebrating their accomplishment.
- Custom-made trophy to showcase the achievement.
- A legacy incentive in the amount of \$1,000 to be applied towards a local recreational program or service.

For more information about the Sask Recreation Awards, please visit:
<https://www.spra.sk.ca/programs-services/sask-rec-awards/>



Nomination Process

Submitting a nomination:

- The online nomination form can be accessed by visiting the [SPRA website](#).
 - Nominations open in early April and remain open for a 6-week period before closing on May 15.
 - Winners are notified approximately 4 weeks after the nomination deadline.
 - All nominators will be contacted by email regarding the status of their nomination.
- All nominations will remain confidential.
- Prior to submitting a nomination, ensure it directly aligns with the award description of your choosing, and all questions are completed with the required information.
 - Incomplete nominations may receive a lower score based on missing information.
 - You will need contact information for the nominee, along with confirmation from another person to endorse the nomination (endorsers are required to provide contact information and a testimonial statement).
 - Self-nominations are not permitted for the Leadership Excellence or Volunteer Champion Award categories.

For more information regarding Eligibility Guidelines, please visit the [SPRA website](#).

Required information for the nomination form:

Please ensure the following information is provided within the nomination form prior to submission:

- Your contact information (serving as the nominator)
- Nominees' contact information
 - Include their work/volunteer role, or name of organization being nominated
- The selection of the award category
 - Community Wellbeing Award
 - Leadership Excellence Award
 - Volunteer Champion Award
- The reason for submitting the nomination (maximum 500-words)
 - Please explain why you believe the nominee deserves to be recognized with a Sask Recreation Award. In your response, please include:
 - A short biography of the nominee and the impact made in the community as outlined in the selected award description.
 - Include details such as years of service and how the nominee contributed to the advancement of recreation in the community.
 - Outline if any unique partnerships or innovations that have been developed because of the nominee and their commitment to enhancing recreational opportunities for all.



- Please indicate if the nominee has received any significant achievements, milestones, or other forms of recognition based on the impact made to recreation in their community **(maximum 200-words)**.
- An endorsement statement for the nomination **(maximum 100 words)**
 - This must be from another person who is willing to support the nomination with an endorsement/testimonial statement. Self-endorsement is not permitted.
 - Contact information is also required for the person serving as the endorser
 - Endorser's name, phone number and email address
 - Name of the endorser's community/organization/volunteer group or work.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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