



THE “HIGH FIVE” AWARD

BACKGROUND:

This Award is designed to recognize that outstanding individual, business, civic group, religious group, non-profit group/organization, fellow parks & recreation professional (full or part-time) and seasonal or volunteer staff person for the efforts for the betterment of public recreation and parks in our communities.

The High Five is designed to recognize their outstanding contributions to the field of public recreation and parks. Contribution must be significant and have a stimulating impact on recreation at a local, state, regional and/or national level.

This Award is based on five criteria essential to going “above and beyond” expectations that has a positive and long-lasting benefit on public recreation and parks and/or the parks and recreation profession.

ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA:

- Membership in NHRPA is not required.
- Open to any: individual, business, civic group, religious organization, non-profit group, fellow parks & recreation professional, (full & part-time), and seasonal/volunteer staff.
- There should be a visible level of outstanding commitment and excellence to public recreation and parks.
- Candidates should represent or possess many of the following “High Five” traits or qualities on a local, state, or national level:
 1. Dedication – A true motivator and positive spirit who is always up to the challenge presented to them and whose dedication positively affects parks and recreation at any level.
 2. Integrity – Leads by example; is a positive role model; honest and always “above board”.
 3. Advocacy – Willing to speak or write on behalf of public recreation and parks at any level when called on.
 4. Benevolence – Is generous with time, energy/resources etc.
 5. Longevity – Is in it for the “long haul”. Has a willingness to serve and work for a common goal and objective for a prolonged period of time to the benefit of the parks and recreation movement.

SUBMISSION

Submissions must be professional in appearance

- **REQUIRED**
 - Typed application with a narrative that includes:
 - Detailed examples of why the candidate, program, organization or business should receive the High Five Award
- **RECOMMENDED**
 - Letters or support/testimonials
 - Pictures
 - Newspaper/magazine Articles
 - Resume
 - Anything that will enhance the Awards Committee’s ability to make an informed decision

SELECTION:

The New Hampshire Recreation and Park Association Awards Committee will evaluate and decisions on nominations. Only information that is submitted in the application will be considered The Awards Committee may consider awarding the “High Five” to outstanding, unique and/or innovative professionals, volunteers, programs, businesses etc. that may have been nominated for another NHRPA Award, but may not completely meet those requirements or criteria, provided the nomination otherwise fits the intent and criteria of the High Five Award.

AWARD:

The Awards Committee will present a plaque at the annual NHRPA Awards Banquet to the nominee who best exemplifies the criteria of the award