



2024 IPRA Individual Awards Info & Criteria

Young Professional of the Year Award

Presented to a current Illinois Park and Recreation professional who has made an impact in the field of parks and recreation and/or in the community that they serve (less than 8 years).

Professional of the Year Award

Presented to a current Illinois Park and Recreation professional who has made an impact within the parks and recreation industry (minimum 8 years).

Community Impact Award

Presented to a current Illinois Park and Recreation professional who has made a significant impact in the community they serve (minimum 8 years). Current Executive Directors and CEOs are not eligible

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- Current IPRA member **(YP, POTY, CI)**
- Served for fewer than 8 years as a full-time professional in the field of P&R **(YP)**
- Served a minimum of 8 years as a full-time professional in the field of P&R **(POTY, CI)**
- Served as an officer for IPRA with the Board of Directors, Membership Council, Section Board or Committee **(YP, POTY)**
- Made a significant achievement for their agency or an achievement through community involvement **(YP, POTY)**
- Certified professional (CPRE, CPRP, CTRS, CPA, SHRM or equivalent in area of expertise requiring continuing education credits) **(POTY)**
- Made a major contribution to their local agency/community through involvement with local community, non-profit, business organizations or government agencies **(CI)**