

2021 TRAPS TR BRANCH AWARDS PACKET



DATE: 12 November 2021

TO: Recreation Therapists

FROM: Citations, Awards, and Scholarships Committee-TR Branch

SUBJECT: 2021 TRAPS TR Awards

The Texas Recreation and Park Society is inviting all in the Therapeutic Recreation Branch to participate in this year's TRAPS TR Awards process. We encourage your award nominations.

The packet includes all up-to-date pertinent information for nomination submittal. Please remember all information submitted to the committee cannot be returned.

Please provide 3 digital photos of your projects, nominees and programs as we continue to enhance the quality of our Annual Awards Program.

Entries must be postmarked/submitted by Dec 30, 2021 to meet the deadline. We appreciate your continued involvement in this program and we look forward to learning about the great things happening in our profession all over Texas.

Sincerely,

TRAPS TR Branch Awards Committee

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AWARDS CRITERIA

The Texas Recreation and Park Society Therapeutic Recreation Branch each year recognizes and honors individuals who have rendered significant services to the Society and have made outstanding contributions to the field of therapeutic recreation.

Nominating an individual or an organization affords an opportunity:

- *To show pride in your city, department or agency.
- *To bring people together, unify the community and participants.
- *To earn deserved recognition and reward for outstanding achievement.
- *To recognize your peers.

A SPECIAL INVITATION:

The Citations, Awards and Scholarships Committee invites every Therapeutic Recreation Branch Member to show pride in personnel, programs and communities by submitting your nominations now! Do not let a person, program or project go unrecognized this year. Send your nominations postmarked by Dec 30, 2021 to TRbranchTRAPS@gmail.com and place "2021 Award Nomination" in the subject.

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GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

The TRAPS Board of Directors has approved the following guidelines for submitting entries in the various state awards categories.

1. **An original nomination** should be mailed or emailed to the Committee Chair. Supplemental information will NOT be considered.
2. Entries that do not receive recognition **will not be carried over for consideration the next year**. New entries will be required.
3. Complete biographical or specific descriptive information, which relates to the nominee's qualifications for the award being sought, should be submitted. No fewer than three and no more than five letters of endorsement should support nominations Jean R. Tague Professional and Lisanne Foster Young Professional Awards.
4. Insofar as possible, candidates should not be advised that they are being considered for an award. We want the winners to be surprised!
5. **All entries become property of the TRAPS Citations, Awards and Scholarship Committee -TR Branch and cannot be returned.**
Presentation of awards will take place at the 2021 Institute TR Branch Meeting in Bryant College Station.
6. A 5-line (12 pt. font) nomination summary should be included in each submission describing the program, person or project you are nominating.

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LONE STAR PROGRAMMING AWARD

The Branch may confer this award for innovative recreation programming to any organization that has offered **for the first time**, a new program to one of its client groups.

Entries will be assigned by the committee in one of the following categories to aid in judging nominations with like type programs. First time programs offered Jan 2021-Dec 2021 will be accepted. Awards may not be given every year but will only be given when criteria has been met.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

- Art and Cultural Services
 - Programs, initiatives or special events that celebrate community character and reinforces the value of visual, performing or historic resources.
- Community Health & Wellness
 - Promotion of healthy lifestyles and community wellness.
- Economic Vitality
 - Efforts that positively enhance a community's economic position.
- Environment Stewardship
 - Promotes the conservation of natural resources or connects people with nature.
- Neighborhood/Community Building
 - In partnership with one or more organizations that seek to strengthen the role of families as the cornerstone or a strong community.
- Social Equity
 - To better engage underserved populations, i.e. ethnic, minorities, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ, homeless/economically disadvantaged, etc.

LIFE SPAN AWARDS

- Youth Development
 - To help youth (up to 18) acquire the attitudes, competencies, values and social skills they need to become successful adults.
- Young Adult Exploration
 - Programs that reach young adults 18-35 geared toward career planning, mentorship, socialization, citizenship, relationships, financial, business, or other skills young adults need.
- Mid – Life Discovery

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- Programs that engage the participants with a sense of purpose, maintaining well-being, career progression/advancement, rediscovery of personal interests, concept of self.
- Aging Advocate
 - Work related achievements of implementing geriatric programming and or research, public education and awareness of geriatric related issues, volunteerism in the geriatric community outside of their job such as a board or social environment, innovative practices that promote healthy and active aging within the community.

Entries will be judged by the following criteria:

- A. *Goals and objectives* - What was the purpose or intent of the program and how well was it attained?
- B. *Participation* - The acceptance of the program based upon the total number of participants the facilities or resources could accommodate.
- C. *Efficiency* - Was the program made operational in an efficient manner in use of money and staff time?
- D. *Creativity/Adaptability* - What elements of originality were present in your program? How did you adapt this program to meet your participant needs?
- E. *Completion* of the nomination form.

To complete the nomination, include the following with your packet.

- A. Nomination Form
- B. Sequential narrative that addresses each criteria:
 1. Reasons for initiating the program/event – needs identification
 2. Statement of program/event goals and objectives
 3. Unique innovative feature of program/event
 4. Utilization of volunteers and community resources
 5. Copy of program budget, expenditures, revenues and cost per participant
 6. Number of participants, spectators and size of event/program target group
 7. Impact of program/event evaluation on future productions

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8. Reasons for deeming the event/program successful
- C. A written narrative of why you feel your/the agency is deserving of recognition by the Society.

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**LONE STAR PROGRAMMING
OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM**

Title of Program _____

Department/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Nominator _____ Title _____

Nominator's Signature _____ Phone _____

Please limit the nomination to no more than three (3) pages.

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The Michal Anne Lord – Servant Leadership Award

The Branch may confer this award for leadership to an award winner that embodies the **servant leadership** traits: listening, empathy, stewardship, foresight, persuasion, conceptualization, awareness, healing, commitment to the growth and development of people, and building community.

Entries will be assigned by the committee in one of the following categories to aid in judging nominations with like type attributes. Awards may not be given every year but will only be given when criteria has been met.

OUTSTANDING MEMBER

Significant contribution by promoting the profession, practice or philosophy of RT.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Has helped the profession of RT grow throughout a lifetime of commitment and service.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Has helped and promoted RT although he or she is not an RT. Done thru volunteerism, legislative or policy support, offering programs or other significant contribution.

ABCD AWARD “ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY”

Significant enough impact to have had a stimulating effect on TR in a town, city state or national level. Not intended for educators or supervisors. Can be volunteers, seasonal or semi related field that interacts with TR’s and their programs.

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Elected or appointed to public office at any level of government who has provided unselfish service for a least three years in the interest of TR.

Entries will be judged by the following criteria:

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- A. Demonstrated dedication to the development and delivery of recreation/leisure services to persons of disability, limited income, minority population, community or legislative advocacy.
- B. Examples of how the nominee has shown excellence in the delivery of time, service and commitment to the profession of RT thru their role.
- C. Evidence of Impact the individual has made to an organization, community, or agency.
- D. Length of time or consistency the nominee has excelled in their position or efforts toward the mission or values of the RT profession.
- E. Description of the nominee's innovation, intuition, observations, senses or perceptions that initiated the actions that made an impact.

To complete the nomination, include the following with your packet.

- A. Nomination Form.
- B. Sequential narrative that addresses each criterion listed above.
- C. No fewer than three (3) and no more than five (5) letters of endorsement shall support nomination.

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**The Michal Anne Lord – Servant Leadership Award
OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM**

Name of Nominee _____

Department/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Nominator _____ Title _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Nominator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Please limit the nomination to no more than three (3) pages for the narrative.

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YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Lisanne Foster

This award may be given annually to the professional who best meets the following criteria:

- Must be thirty-five (35) years of age or younger during the year of nomination;
- Must have been actively involved in TRAPS and have been a member for at least two years. List specific TRAPS contributions, committees and responsibilities;
- Must have been responsible for exemplary advancement of the recreation and parks profession (cite specific examples) in his or her locale, or within the state; and
- Must have made an outstanding contribution to the profession not included in the above.
- No fewer than three (3) and no more than five (5) letters of endorsement shall support nomination.
- Favorable consideration will be given to nominees who have met at least three (3) of the following criteria at either the state or regional level;

Leadership

- Must have been a member of the TR or Student Branch of TRAPS.
- Must have been an office holder in an allied organization.

Professionalism

- Must have been active in promoting TR.
- May have been the chair of a state, district or national committee of an allied organization.
- Must have served for three years on a committee of an allied organization.

Please limit the nomination to no more than three (3) pages, excluding the 3-5 endorsement letters.

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LISANNE FOSTER YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD
OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: _____

Department/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Nominator: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Nominator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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JEAN R. TAGUE PROFESSIONAL AWARD

This is the highest award the Branch can bestow. This recipient of this award shall have been a member of TRAPS and shall have given outstanding service to therapeutic recreation field for a minimum of ten (10) years and contributed to the promotion and advancement of the Texas Recreation and Park Society.

As evidence of outstanding achievement, the nominee must meet a total of at least five (5) of the following ten (10) conditions and must be supported by no fewer than three (3) and no more than five (5) letters of endorsement.

Leadership

- Must have been an office holder in TRAPS.
- Must have been an office holder in an allied organization.

Committee Work

- Must have been chair of a TRAPS committee.
- Must have served for three (3) years on a TRAPS committee.
- Must have been the chair of a state, district or national committee of an allied organization.
- Must have served for three years on a committee of an allied organization.

Therapeutic Recreation Services

- Must have served as a speaker, moderator, or panel member at least ten (10) times before groups in the interest of and for the promotion of therapeutic recreation.
- Must have written one (1) or more articles published in a professional media.
- May have conducted one (1) or more research projects pertaining to Therapeutic recreation and written a report on same.
- Must have made an outstanding contribution to the profession not included in the above.

Please limit the nomination to no more than three (3) pages, excluding the 3-5 endorsement letters.

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JEAN R. TAGUE PROFESSIONAL AWARD
OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: _____

Department/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Nominator: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Nominator's Signature: _____ Date: _____