

CPRA Awards Program

The CPRA Awards Program provides an opportunity to recognize and showcase leaders in the parks and recreation sector on a national scale. As we strive to move the parks and recreation agenda forward, the CPRA Awards Program celebrates our collective and collaborative efforts.

The CPRA National Awards Program recognizes the following:

- **CPRA Award of Merit** – Efforts of individuals/organizations/community groups/corporations in each province and territory who have influenced the parks and recreation sector in a local, regional, and/or national capacity.
- **CPRA President's Award of Distinction** – Long-term service and commitment of individuals to the parks and recreation sector on a national scale in Canada.
- **CPRA Partnership Award** – Sector partners (organizations/corporations/governments) whose collaboration, creativity, and innovation enrich individual health and community well-being and enhance Canada's parks and recreation community.
- **CPRA Emerging Leader Award** – The importance of supporting and celebrating young Canadians, as they are the future leaders of the parks and recreation sector.

For more information on the CPRA Awards Program, please contact info@cpra.ca

CPRA Award of Merit

The CPRA Award of Merit will provide national recognition to an individual/ organization/ community group/ corporation for an outstanding contribution to the parks and recreation sector in each province and territory. The nominee will have contributed to municipal, regional, provincial/territorial, or national success in the sector. This achievement will have contributed to the advancement of parks and recreation regionally and/or nationally.

Eligibility

Individuals, organizations, community groups, corporations (including municipalities and provincial/territorial government departments)

Selection Guidelines

- The nominee will have had a significant leadership role in outstanding achievement in the sphere of parks and recreation.
- The nominee will have contributed to a municipal, regional or provincial/territorial, or national success in the sector.
- The nominee's work will be an outstanding contribution that is above the ordinary and done in the spirit of contributing to the public good.

The CPRA Award of Merit can be awarded in each province and territory (up to 13 awards) each year and presented at the respective P/T Association AGM and Conference or an event of the P/T's choosing.

(Note: Recognition and presentation of the award on an annual basis is at the discretion of the CPRA Board of Directors)

Nomination Process

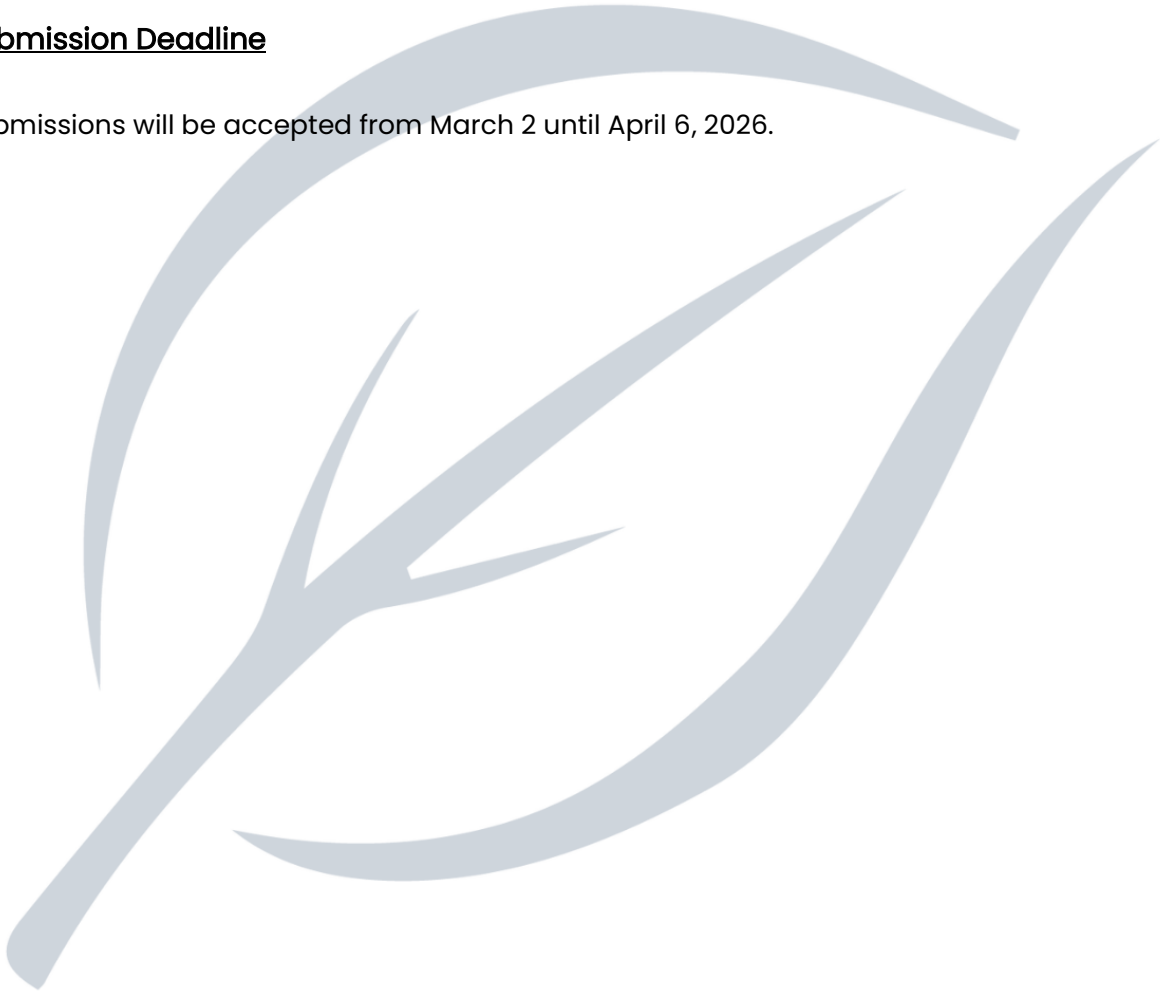
1. Each P/T Member of CPRA can recommend one recipient from their region for a CPRA Award of Merit each year.
2. If the P/T Member chooses to recommend a recipient, they must provide (by email) the following to the CPRA Awards Committee:
 - Completed [nomination form](#).
 - A summary of 750 words or less describing the following:
 - How the individual/organization/community group/corporation has demonstrated a contribution to the advancement of parks and recreation regionally, provincially/territorially, and/or nationally;
 - How the contribution has provided or will provide a long-term

- improvement for public benefit;
- How the individual/organization/community group/corporation has shown outstanding contributions above the ordinary.
- Two letters of support (i.e., from supervisors, staff, and community);
- Supporting materials (newspaper articles or special documents).

Submit the nomination form and supplementary information to the attention of the CPRA Awards Committee at info@cpra.ca.

Submission Deadline

Submissions will be accepted from March 2 until April 6, 2026.



CPRA President's Award of Distinction

The CPRA President's Award of Distinction will recognize the **exceptional contributions or long-term commitment** of an individual who has worked towards advancing the parks and recreation agenda on a **national level**. This recipient will have shown excellent leadership and long-lasting dedication to the parks and recreation sector on a national scale.

There is one recipient per year of this award.

Eligibility

Individuals who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to Canada's parks and recreation sector.

Selection Guidelines for President's Award of Distinction

- The nominee will have had a sustained leadership role in outstanding achievements and contributions in the national sphere of parks and recreation.
- The nominee's achievements will have made a significant and distinct contribution to the advancement of parks and recreation nationally.
- The nominee's work will be an outstanding contribution that is above the ordinary and done in the spirit of contributing to the public good.
- The nominee will have demonstrated sustained and committed effort to enhance the parks and recreation sector.
- The nominee will have made a significant national contribution to the advancement of the parks and recreation agenda.

Nomination Process

1. Each individual can recommend one recipient from their region for a CPRA President Award of Distinction each year.
2. If an individual chooses to recommend a recipient, they must provide (by email) the following to the CPRA Awards Committee:
 - Completed [nomination form](#);
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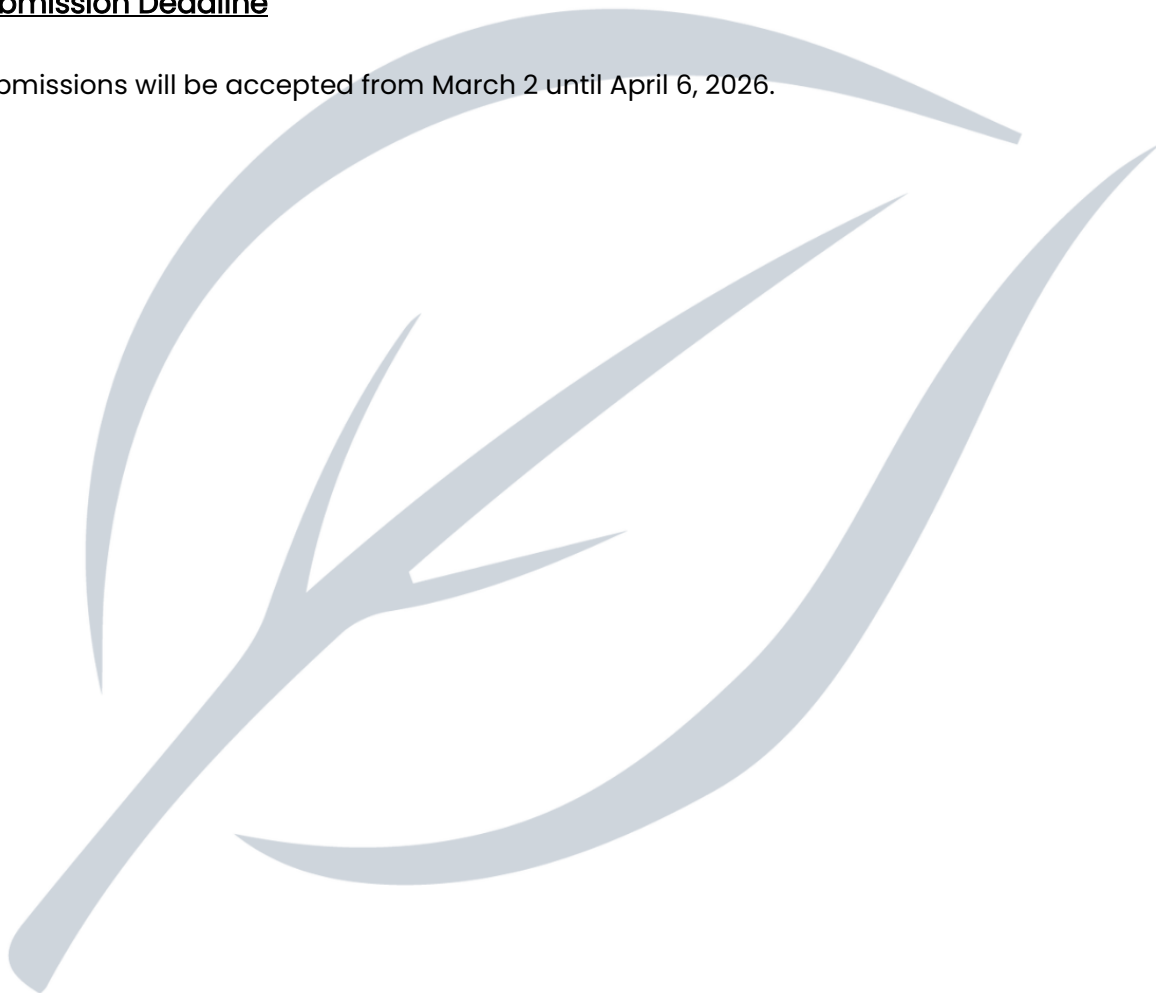
shown outstanding contributions above the ordinary.

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CPRA Partnership Award

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There is one recipient per year of this award.

Eligibility

Corporations, organizations, or governments that have demonstrated a supportive commitment to the parks and recreation sector nationally through their partnership and collaboration with CPRA and/or a provincial/territorial member leading a CPRA initiative.

Selection Guidelines for Partnership Award

- The nominee has collaborated with CPRA and/or its members in the last calendar year.
- The nominee has made a significant supportive contribution to the advancement of the parks and recreation sector on a national level in Canada.
- The nominee's achievements and partnerships with the parks and recreation sector have promoted community health and the well-being of Canadians.

Nomination Process

1. Each P/T Member of CPRA can recommend one recipient from their region for a CPRA Partnership Award each year.
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CPRA Emerging Leader Award

The CPRA Emerging Leader Award recognizes the importance of supporting and celebrating young Canadians, as they are the future leaders of the parks and recreation sector. This Award will provide national recognition to an emerging leader in the field of parks and recreation who has **made a valued contribution to the sector**. The nominee will have contributed to municipal, regional, provincial/ territorial, or national success in the **spirit of contributing to the public good**.

There is one recipient per year of this award.

Eligibility

Individuals aged 30 years and under who have demonstrated a commitment to the parks and recreation sector through their participation with CPRA and/or a provincial/territorial member.

Selection Guidelines for Emerging Leader Award

- The nominee has been involved and engaged with CPRA and/or its provincial/territorial members in the last calendar year.
- The nominee will have contributed to achievement in the parks and recreation sector, whether at a municipal, regional, provincial/territorial, or national level.

Nomination Process

1. Each individual can recommend one recipient from their region for a CPRA Emerging Leader Award each year.
2. If the individual chooses to recommend a recipient, they must provide (by email) the following to the CPRA Awards Committee:
 - Completed [nomination form](#);
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