

Call for Nominations for 2020

The Honorable Cornelius Amory Pugsley Award

One of the most prestigious awards given in parks, recreation, and conservation is The Honorable Cornelius Pugsley Award which is bestowed each fall by the American Academy for Park & Recreation Administration. The Pugsley Award is generously supported by The Davey Tree Expert Company and the National Park Foundation.

Academy members are encouraged to nominate a professional, public official, park advocate, educator, or others who have made a lasting and positive impact on parks, recreation and/or conservation in their community/region, state, or nationally for this prestigious award. The nominator or nominee does not need to be an Academy or NRPA member. The Pugsley Medal will be given at the Academy's annual banquet, Wednesday, October 28, in Orlando, Florida.

Pugsley Medal recipients are likely to have made contributions at multiple levels of government (local/regional, state, or national). Contributions at each level are considered equally meritorious however, emphasis is placed on those whose contributions are at multiple levels.

Medal Criteria

1. Nominee must be living at the time of nomination and must be a U.S. citizen.
2. Nominee will have preserved, facilitated, enhanced and/or created park and/or conservation lands which have significantly enriched the lives of people and/or made significant contributions to maintaining biodiversity.
3. Nominee may have developed or refined techniques or programs which advance the cause of parks and/or conservation.
4. Nominee's record reflects advocacy, originality, courageous decision-making, and dedication to the public good.
5. The award recognizes achievements/accomplishments, not longevity and/or effort. The award recognizes a life or career-long record of accomplishments. The award is not given for a "one-time" achievement.
6. Past recipients have been acknowledged as leaders in professional organizations, but the award is not given for service in such organizations.
7. Nominee's personal and/or professional record shall not have unverified or verified allegations that would tarnish the reputation of The Honorable Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal.

Submission Procedure

Send the following by 5:00 pm PDT, Thursday, June 4, 2020, to info@aapra.org or 5716 Folsom Blvd., #237, Sacramento, CA 95819. **Email submissions must be sent as a single pdf document**

containing items 1 through 4 below. Submissions sent via mail must also arrive containing items 1 through 4 below.

1. Nomination letter summarizing why this individual is worthy of consideration.
2. A written narrative reflecting a detailed biographical profile of the nominee describing his/her contributions as outlined in the criteria.
3. Not more than two letters supporting the nomination.
4. Written confirmation that the nominator certifies that the information provided in their Pugsley Award nomination is true and correct and they have disclosed all material and germane facts related to nominee's background and eligibility for the Pugsley Award. Nominator must also state that they are aware that inclusion of false, misleading or incomplete information in this nomination may result in investigation, disqualification of their nomination and/or forfeiture of the award.

More information including past recipients of The Honorable Cornelius Amory Pugsley Award, is available on the Academy website, <https://www.aapra.org/pugsley-award>. Questions can be directed to the Pugsley Committee Chair, Ralph Cryder, 803-643-7809, rcryder@gforcecable.com.