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## You've Got More Time Application Due Date for the National Gold Medal Award Extended to March 8, 2024

The American Academy for Park & Recreation Administration is pleased to announce an extension of the due date for the 2024 National Gold Medal Award application to March 8, 2024. This extension accommodates the diverse needs of our stakeholders and allows for a more inclusive and robust participation in the National Gold Medal Award Program.

The Academy enthusiastically welcomes armed forces recreation installations and public agencies of all sizes to apply. Participating organizations report finding great value in the application process and are strategically leveraging this opportunity to raise the profile of their programs and services within their community. A survey of 2023 National Gold Medal Award Program Finalists revealed receiving the award affirmed their agency is providing quality parks, programs and services; served as a benchmark for their management performance; and increased community pride.

Public agencies and armed forces recreation installation programs are invited to explore the helpful National Gold Medal Award Program resources, preview the application questions, and apply at <a href="https://aapra.org/National-Gold-Medal-Award">https://aapra.org/National-Gold-Medal-Award</a>.

Viewed as the premiere award in parks and recreation, the National Gold Medal Award Program seeks to identify public agencies and armed forces recreation programs who display excellence in the management of their parks, open space, facilities, and recreation services. The National Gold Medal Award Program is administered by the American Academy for Park & Recreation Administration (AAPRA) in partnership with the National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA) and is sponsored by Musco Lighting, LLC.