

# TUFTS DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Tufts Distinguished Citizen Award was first presented in 1980 by the New Hampshire Recreation and Park Society. This award is designed to recognize a volunteer citizen (non professional) whose voluntary efforts over a period of years have improved the quality of leisure opportunities. These efforts could be beneficial at their town, city, community or state level.

This award is named for Arthur and his late wife, Jean Tufts. It was through their many efforts as volunteers that recreation prospered in the State of New Hampshire. These efforts were as diverse as the introduction and promotion of folk dance and legislation to create a state office and therapeutic recreation specialist position. Their achievements were significant in insuring community recreation and therapeutic services for the State of New Hampshire. These efforts were a diverse as the introduction and promotion of folk dance and legislation to create a state office and therapeutic recreation specialist position. Their achievements were significant in insuring community recreation and therapeutic services for the State of New Hampshire.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA:**

- Any Volunteer person(s) not officially connected as a professional in the recreation movement may be nominated
- These voluntary efforts may include, but not be limited to:
  - Contributions to the park, recreation movement for a minimum of five years
  - Initiation or continued sponsorship of support of outstanding park, recreation programs at the local or State of New Hampshire level for a minimum of four years.
  - Significant literary contributions to the park and recreation movement.
  - Active work for significant legislation at the local or State of New Hampshire level.
  - Other service for park, recreation and conservation movement through involvement in other organizations, or endeavors outside the park and recreation field.

## **SUBMISSION:**

- Required:
  - Typed cover letter to include
    - Narrative of why you believe this person is deserving of this Award
  - Years connected with recreation & park movement in lay capacity
  - Present capacity or title held in recreation and park movement
  - In what way has the nominee been an effective leader/advocate in the field of recreation and parks
  - Other positions held in recreation and parks (appointed or volunteer)
  - Other reasons for nomination
- Recommended
  - News articles
  - Letters of support
  - Photographs
  - Other back up material for nomination

**SELECTION:**

The New Hampshire Recreation and Parks Association Awards Committee will evaluate and make decisions on nominations. Only information that is submitted in the application will be considered. Selection will be based on a complete and professional application; the merits of the information presented and whether the candidate or program is the most deserving nominee.

**AWARD:**

The Awards Committee will present a plaque at the annual NHRPA Awards Banquet to the recipient who best exemplifies the criteria of the award.

**DEADLINE:**

Applications must be submitted to Krystal Alpers, 12 Rowell Drive, Franklin, NH 03235 or by e-mail to [kalpers@franklinnh.org](mailto:kalpers@franklinnh.org) by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Department/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Address, Phone and E-mail of person making this nomination \_\_\_\_\_

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On a separate sheet of paper, in the form of a narrative or cover letter, please answer the following questions as it pertains to the Nominee. Answers must be typed. The below items must be answered/attached in order to be considered for the Tufts Distinguished Citizen Award. The following items are required:

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