

67<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
WRAPS  
AWARDS AND  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
NOMINATION PACKET



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WESTCHESTER RECREATION  
AND PARKS SOCIETY

DEADLINE FOR  
NOMINATIONS  
APRIL 7, 2025



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***SAVE THE DATE-WRAPS Awards & Scholarship Luncheon  
Friday, June 13, 2025***

# ***Nomination Procedure***

Any Society member may make nominations for the various award categories. **In addition, nominations will be accepted from non-members for the Public Service, Voluntary Service, Youth, and PIERRE Awards.** Only Society members may make nominations for the Award of Merit, the Commercial Recreation Award, Achievement Award, and Professional Service Award.

All nominations, with supporting material, must be submitted to the Awards and Scholarship Committee by April 7, 2025. This will give the Committee ample time for screening the nominees. The presentation of the awards will be made at the Society's Annual June luncheon.

## **Nomination Process**

- The Awards and Scholarship Committee will be solely responsible for the review, evaluation, and selection of award winners.
- Winning nominees and nominators will be informed in writing.
- Regret letters will be mailed to the nominator only.
- All nominations should be typed, **including any additional materials required**, and be in the appropriate category. Completed nomination forms and supporting materials must be submitted for each award nomination. Nominations should describe how the nominee meets and exceeds the award criteria.

**Please mail or email all nomination packets to:**

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Any questions can be directed to Mike Newman at the Village of Pleasantville Recreation Department at [recreationsuperintendent@Pleasantville-ny.gov](mailto:recreationsuperintendent@Pleasantville-ny.gov) or call 914-769-7950.

**Deadline for Nominations: Monday, April 7, 2025**



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## WRAPS 2025 Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark the appropriate box indicating which award being nominated for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Service Award: Organization    | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Service Award: Individual                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Service Award: Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> E. Mario Cribari Voluntary Service Award: Individual |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Austin Welch PIERRE Award         | <input type="checkbox"/> Peter J. Mayers Award for Merit                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Sports Coaches Award            | <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Dolan Innovative Program & Award Grant          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Associate Award                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Henry B. Funking Youth Award                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joseph E. Curtis Achievement Award    | <input type="checkbox"/> Irwin "Red" Klein Commercial Recreation Award        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Service Award            | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership Award                                |

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature(s) of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit a typed summary or reason for the Nomination: Please describe how the **nominee meets and exceeds award criteria**. If necessary, attach a separate typed sheet with specific accomplishments, etc.

**Please submit via email or mail the nomination form and all supporting materials.**

**Mail : WRAPS, PO BOX 152, Valhalla NY 10595  
Email: recreationsuperintendent@Pleasantville-ny.gov**

# Awards Criteria

## ***Public Service Award: Organization***

To receive this Public Service Award the nominee shall be an organization that has provided unselfish service on behalf of the residents of Westchester County and in the interest of public recreation, parks, conservation, and other related governmental services for at least five years since 2020 in a specific program or endeavor. Nominees may represent the entire county or any municipality therein.

## ***Public Service Award: Individual***

To receive this Public Service Award the nominee shall be an individual, appointed or elected to public office, in any level of government who has provided unselfish service on behalf of the residents of Westchester County or any part thereof and in the interest of recreation, parks, conservation, and other related community services shall have made an outstanding contribution for at least three years since 2022.

## ***Voluntary Service Award: Organization***

To receive the Voluntary Service Award the nominee shall be an organization that has provided unselfish service on behalf of an institution, private or voluntary agency in Westchester County and in the interest of recreation, parks, conservation, and other related services for at least five years in the program for which it is being cited since 2020.

## ***E. Mario Cribari Voluntary Service Award: Individual***

To receive the Voluntary Service Award the nominee shall be an individual that has provided unselfish service as a volunteer, on behalf of a department, organization, agency, or institution in Westchester County and in the interest of its recreation programs for a period of three years or more since 2022.

## ***The Austin Welch PIERRE Award***

The purpose and function of the PIERRE Award, as distinguished from the other categories, is to acclaim and recognize not only those in the recreation, parks, conservation, and allied professions but also those who interpret the public in general, excellence of effort in the recreation and park field.

To receive the PIERRE Award, the individual or organization nominated should have completed in the year before the selection, a piece of outstanding creative work; or have demonstrated leadership of excellence having an impact on recreation and parks participation, not merely county or statewide, but even regionally, nationally and internationally.

The recipient can be a layman, a professional, or organization in the recreation, parks, and conservation fields or an allied field, such as the arts, architecture, education and professional training, city planning and management, literature and public news media, legislation and political science, research, public finance and philanthropy, and social work.

## ***Peter J. Mayers Award for Merit***

To receive the Award for Merit the nominee shall be an individual who has provided meritorious service as a professional to the field of community recreation, parks, conservation, and outstanding accomplishments in the field of public recreation, parks, or conservation administration for at least ten years. The nominee must be a current member of the Westchester Recreation and Park Society.



# Awards Criteria

## ***Matt Dolan Innovative Program & Award Grant***

To receive the Matt Dolan Innovative Program & Award Grant, the program nominated shall have taken place within the fall of 2023 - 2024 and be new and innovative for a department, agency, organization, or institution in Westchester County. As part of this award, a grant of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to the agency(s) to help fund the program during the next calendar year.

## ***Youth Sports Coaches Award***

To receive the Youth Sports Coaches Award the nominee shall be a person who has provided unselfish service as a volunteer involved in youth sports coaching, on behalf of a club, organization, agency in the interest of its recreation program for a period of five years since 2020.

## ***Staff Associate Award***

To receive the Staff Associate Award the nominee shall be a part-time or seasonal employee of a local agency or recreation and parks department who has provided service above and beyond the expectations of his or her position for a period of three years since 2022.

## ***Henry B. Funking Youth Award***

To receive the Youth Award the nominee shall be an outstanding Westchester County high school or college student who has displayed a keen interest and participation in the field of recreation or a closely allied field. The recipients will receive a \$500 award.

## ***Irwin "Red" Klein Commercial Recreation Award***

To receive the Commercial Recreation Award, a commercial organization, business or agency should provide, to a group or municipality served by the Westchester Recreation and Park Society, a service over and above its own financial gains such as the contribution of time, equipment, products, studies, education, or other related services since 2022.

## ***Joseph E. Curtis Achievement Award***

To receive the Achievement Award the nominee shall be a member of the Westchester Recreation and Park Society and during the year preceding his/her nomination he/she shall have completed a major service to that society or a major accomplishment in the field of recreation, parks or conservation administration, program supervision, leadership or facility development.

## ***Life Membership Award***

Eligible are recently retired or soon to retire professional members of the Society who have served their careers in the field of recreation, parks, and conservation.

## ***Professional Service Award***

Eligible are active professional members of the Society who have served full-time in the field of recreation, parks, and conservation in any geographic area. Awards are presented after 15 years of full-time service and every five years thereafter.

# Fellowships

## **RUTH M. and BILL LEDERER FELLOWSHIP**

Ruth M. Lederer contributed much to the recreation profession throughout her personal and professional life by developing and supporting programs that enhance the quality of life for senior adults and/or individuals with disabilities. The Ruth M. Lederer Fellowship was established as a memorial to the late Ruth M. Lederer through a generous gift from her husband, William Lederer, past president and a life member of WRAPS. Bill, unfortunately, passed away in December 2011. At that time, his name was added to the Fellowship.

The Ruth M. and Bill Lederer Fellowship is designed to encourage and reward professional pursuits or program and facility innovations that are designed to improve the quality of life of senior adults or physically, emotionally, or mentally challenged individuals. The Fellowship Award will be for a minimum of \$500.

Individual WRAPS Members, active in the aging or therapeutic recreation fields, will be eligible to receive the Fellowship for education, training, or other professional pursuits oriented to the areas mentioned above. Organizations and institutions will be eligible to receive the Fellowship to provide partial support for programs, equipment, and/or facilities that, through recreation, will improve the quality of life for the targeted populations.

## **DR. SAL PREZIOSO FELLOWSHIP**

This Fellowship is supported by the scholarship fund of the Westchester Recreation and Parks Society. It is designed to offer funding to help Full-time Recreation and Park professionals participate in educational programs which might otherwise not be available to them. We have listed below a sampling of special schools sponsored by the National Recreation and Parks Association which are eligible for funding. The committee will also consider any other program, continuing education program, or training opportunity related to your work in the Recreation and Parks field.

- National Executive Development School
- National Aquatics Management School
- Park and Recreation Maintenance Management School
- National Management/Leadership School
- Business Institute for Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services
- Supervisors School
- Therapeutic Recreation Professional Development Forum
- National Public Golf Course Management Institute

# Fellowships

## **THE FUTURE LEADERS MENTORING FELLOWSHIP**

The Future Leaders Mentoring Fellowship is supported by a donation by the Westchester Recreation and Parks Society. It is designed to offer funding to help a new (approximately 5 years or less) full-time Recreation and Parks Professional participate in educational programs with the guidance of a seasoned (approximately 15 years or more) full-time Recreation and Parks Professional.

The mentee must apply for this fellowship, following fellowship application guidelines, demonstrating why they are deserving of this opportunity. Potential mentees can suggest a mentor, or a mentor will be assigned. The focus of this fellowship is geared toward covering fees to attend the New York State Recreation and Parks Society (NYSRPS) Annual Conference and Expo held in April. The Fellowship Award will cover the mentor and mentee registration for next annual NYS Recreation and Parks Conference.

### **FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

- All applications must be submitted by Monday, April 7, 2025.
- Individuals applying for a fellowship must be a member of WRAPS.
- Applicants may be required to attend a scheduled interview with the Awards and Scholarship Committee.
- Submit the Fellowship Application and all supporting documents.
- Fellowship winners will be officially announced at the WRAPS Annual Awards Luncheon on June 14, 2024.
- Fellowships are a reimbursement of expenses and will be paid only after submission of proof of successful completion of the activity for which the Fellowship was granted.
- The Fellowship must be used for the specific purpose for which it was approved between June 13, 2025, and May 31, 2026, unless an extension is granted by the WRAPS Executive Board.



# *Scholarships*

## **HENRY B. FUNKING SCHOLARSHIP**

- The Henry B. Funking Scholarship is open to high school seniors who are planning to enter a College or University in the fall of 2024 as matriculated students.
- Applicants must register at the institution of their choice in the Recreation and/or Parks curriculum. A major in physical education does not meet the requirements of the scholarship.
- Scholarship applicants will be judged on their academic record, personality, leadership, co-curricular and out-of-school activities, perseverance, resourcefulness, personal philosophy, and financial resources.

## **E. MARIO CRIBARI SCHOLARSHIP**

- The E. Mario Cribari Scholarship is open to undergraduate students who are majoring in the Recreation and Parks Field. A major in Physical Education does not meet the requirements of this scholarship.
- Scholarship applications will be judged on their academic record, personality, leadership, co-curricular and out-of-school activities, perseverance, resourcefulness, personal philosophy, and financial resources.
- The completed scholarship application must be accompanied by a current official college transcript.

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

- All applications must be submitted by Monday, April 7, 2025.
- Applicants must be residents of Westchester County, New York.
- Applicants may be required to attend a scheduled interview with the Awards and Scholarship Committee.
- Any questions may be directed to Mike Newman at the Village of Pleasantville Recreation Department at [recreationsuperintendent@Pleasantville-ny.gov](mailto:recreationsuperintendent@Pleasantville-ny.gov) or call 914-769-7950.
- The number of scholarships and the amount of money awarded will be at the discretion of the Awards and Scholarship Committee. The minimum scholarship will be \$500, and the maximum will be \$1,000.
- Submit the Scholarship Application and all supporting documents.
- Scholarship Awards will be made upon verification of successful completion of one full semester of school in the summer of 2024 or the 2024/2025 school year.



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## ***WRAPS 2025 Fellowship Application***

Please mark the appropriate box indicating which fellowship you are applying for:

**Ruth M. and Bill Lederer Fellowship**

**Dr. Sal J. Prezioso Fellowship**

**The Future Leaders Mentoring Fellowship**

**TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                     (Suffix)      Last,                                      First                                      Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an active member of WRAPS? \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

List professional memberships:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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List professional activities and involvements:

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***For Ruth M. and Bill Lederer "ORGANIZATION" Applicants only:***

Please detail the nature and mission of the organization: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

WRAPS Member submitting the proposal: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_





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## ***WRAPS 2025 Scholarship Application***

Please mark the appropriate box indicating which scholarship you are applying for:

**Henry B. Funking Scholarship**

**E. Mario Cribari**

**Scholarship (TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Suffix) Last,

First  
Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years at permanent address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Father/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

2024 combined annual gross income of parents: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Annual income means total gross salary or wages, plus other income, or net income from the business, plus other income.

Address of parents (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

***Brothers and Sisters***

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation or Present School Year</u>
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***List additional family dependents:***

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Age</u>
	<u>Relationship</u>	

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***EDUCATION - HIGH SCHOOL or PREPARATORY SCHOOLS Attended***

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Dates: From - To</u>
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***EDUCATION - COLLEGE*** (if attending school in the fall - please write where you will be attending)

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Dates: From - To</u>
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Please state exact name of the Major \_\_\_\_\_

***EMPLOYMENT*** (Experience - begin with the most recent position)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Dates: From - To</u>
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Please indicate your total income from the summer and other employment in 2024: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your estimated 2025 income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

What are your anticipated college expenses per semester?

Tuition: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Room & Board: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Books, Etc.: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List any other scholarships or grants, with amounts:

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please check off and state the degree you have had in extracurricular activities listed below or in others not listed (i.e. Leader, Officer, Instructor, Participant, Etc.)

Aquatics \_\_\_\_\_  Arts & Crafts \_\_\_\_\_

Athletics \_\_\_\_\_  Camping \_\_\_\_\_

Dance \_\_\_\_\_  Dramatics/Theater \_\_\_\_\_

Forest Service/Nature \_\_\_\_\_  Literature \_\_\_\_\_

Music \_\_\_\_\_  Student Government \_\_\_\_\_

Park Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_  Public Speaking \_\_\_\_\_

Publicity/Journalism \_\_\_\_\_  Mentoring \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

List all current Club and Society memberships: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any volunteer experiences you have had: \_\_\_\_\_

**On a separate piece of paper, please submit a typed response to the following question:**

**• E. MARIO CRIBARI SCHOLARSHIP & HENRY B. FUNKING APPLICANTS**

*“Why did you choose a career in Recreation and Parks Profession and what type of employment will you seek upon graduation?”*

List three (3) adult personal references:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Relation</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

I CERTIFY THAT ALL THE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS CORRECT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian