

NIRSA Achievement Awards

Under the NIRSA Achievement Awards umbrella we have four distinct awards:

1. William N. Wasson Student Leadership & Academic Awards: <https://nirsa.net/nirsa/awards/william-wasson-student-leadership-award/>
2. Horace Moody Awards: <https://nirsa.net/nirsa/awards/horace-moody-award/>
3. Regional Awards of Merit: <https://nirsa.net/nirsa/awards/regional-award-of-merit/>
4. NIRSA Annual Service Awards: <https://nirsa.net/nirsa/awards/annual-service-award/>

All of these awards recognize excellence within the Association and profession. Read carefully the eligibility and selection criteria for each award (linked in the webpages above) so that you can prepare the strongest nomination possible.

Application Overview:

- Step 1: Provide your information as the nominator
- Step 2: Select which award you are nominating for and answer any additional questions based on your answer
- Step 3: Provide information for your nominee
- Step 4: Provide a nomination letter and upload any additional letters of support*

*Additional letters of support are optional and it will not count against your nomination if none are provided.

Application Deadline is November 16, 2021.

If you have any questions or difficulties with this form, please reach out to Chelsea Hansson at chelsea.hansson@nirsa.org.

* Required

Nominator
Information

Please provide your information. If any additional information is needed or your nominee does not fit the award eligibility or criteria, we will contact you.

1. First Name *

2. Last Name *

3. Institution/Organization *

4. Email *

5. Phone *

Award Selection

Full award descriptions, along with eligibility and selection criteria details, can be found on the webpages below. Please visit to ensure you create the strongest nomination possible:

William Wasson Student Awards: <https://nirsa.net/nirsa/awards/william-wasson-student-leadership-award/>

This award recognizes top students in collegiate recreation who participate in or are employed by the Department of Recreational Sports.

NIRSA Annual Service Award: <https://nirsa.net/nirsa/awards/annual-service-award/>

This award recognizes up to six professional members, up to three student members, and up to two groups for their outstanding contributions to NIRSA and the field of collegiate recreation. Service must have been performed between the dates of 5/1/2020 - 4/30/2021.

Horace Moody Award: <https://nirsa.net/nirsa/awards/horace-moody-award/>

This award recognizes one professional member from each NIRSA region who have made a lasting difference in mentoring students and guiding students in their professional development.

Regional Awards of Merit: <https://nirsa.net/nirsa/awards/regional-award-of-merit/>

This award recognizes one professional member from each NIRSA Region who demonstrates exceptional performance or dedication to NIRSA or the field of collegiate recreation on a state or provincial wide or regional basis.

6. Select the following award you wish to nominate for: *

Mark only one oval.

- William N. Wasson Student Leadership & Academic Awards *Skip to question 14*
- Regional Awards of Merit *Skip to question 8*
- Horace Moody Award *Skip to question 8*
- NIRSA Annual Service Award *Skip to question 7*

**NIRSA
Annual
Service
Awards**

The NIRSA Annual Service Award recognizes up to six professional members, up to three student members, and up to two groups for their outstanding contributions to NIRSA and the field of collegiate recreation. Service must have been performed between the dates of 5/1/2020 - 4/30/2021 in order to be eligible.

Please see this webpage for further details on eligibility and selection criteria:
<https://nirsa.net/nirsa/awards/annual-service-award/>

7. Please indicate which category you wish to nominate for: *

Mark only one oval.

- Professional Award *Skip to question 8*
- Student Award *Skip to question 8*
- Group Award *Skip to question 30*

Nominee Information

Please provide information for the individual you are nominating.

8. First Name *

9. Last Name *

10. Title *

11. Institution *

12. Email *

13. NIRSA Region *

Mark only one oval.

- I
- II
- III
- IV
- V
- VI
- Canada

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**Nominee
Information: William
N. Wasson Student
Leadership &
Academic Awards**

The William N. Wasson Student Leadership & Academic Awards recognize top students in collegiate recreation who participate in or are employed by the Department of Recreational Sports. Please provide information for the individual you are nominating.

Please see this page for further details on eligibility and selection criteria:
<https://nirsa.net/nirsa/awards/william-wasson-student-leadership-award/>

14. First Name *

15. Last Name *

16. Title *

17. Institution *

18. Email *

19. NIRSA Region *

Mark only one oval.

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Canada

20. Indicate student status and check all applicable boxes: *

Check all that apply.

- Undergraduate student
- Graduate student (must be a NIRSA member)
- December 2021 graduate
- Spring 2022 graduate
- Full-time status
- Part-time status

21. Declared Major *

22. Please provide their overall GPA: *

23. Please provide the GPA scale used: (ex: 4.0 or 5.0) *

24. Scholarship & Professional Development: What is your nominee's approach to development opportunities? Do they participate in professional organizations? Do they seek out continuing education? *

25. Leadership: How does your nominee demonstrate leadership within and outside of the recreation department? How engaged are they in advisory boards, committees, organizations, etc? *

26. Campus Involvement & Volunteerism: What volunteering/community service opportunities & initiatives does your nominee participate in either in the recreation department or other campus/community areas? *

27. Recruitment & Retention: How does your nominee actively promote campus and community involvement for the recreation program with the goal of including, recruiting, and/or retaining a diverse student population? Do they volunteer for rec department activities?

28. Letter of Recommendation #1 *

Please include a letter of recommendation for your nominee. Letters of recommendation are weighted heavily in the committee's rubric. Please limit word count to 1000.

Files submitted:

29. Letter of Recommendation #2

A second letter of recommendation is optional. Please limit word count to 1000.

Files submitted:

Skip to section 9 (Thank you for your nomination!)

NIRSA
Annual
Service
Award -
Group

The NIRSA Annual Service Award recognizes up to two groups for their outstanding contributions to NIRSA and the field of collegiate recreation. Service must have been performed between the dates of 5/1/2020 - 4/30/2021 in order to be eligible.

Please see this webpage for further details on eligibility and selection criteria:
<https://nirsa.net/nirsa/awards/annual-service-award/>

Please provide information below for your group nominees.

30. Group Title: *

31. All Group Member Names: *

32. Group Member Emails (if known):

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Nomination Letters

Please provide your nomination letter and attach any additional letters of support (up to 3) below. Letters of support are optional.

Your nomination letter should answer the questions:

- WHAT did the nominee do? (projects, activities, challenges overcome)
- HOW did they do it? (creativity, innovation, leadership, teamwork)
- WHAT were the results/impact? (accomplishments, influence/significance)

A strong nomination will include details and be as specific as possible. Examples of potential details to include are: dates of service, committees served on, leadership roles and attributes, contributions to the Association.

Make sure to thoroughly read the eligibility and selection criteria for the specific award you are nominating for to ensure you include all pertinent details.

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NIRSA Annual Service Award: <https://nirsa.net/nirsa/awards/annual-service-award/>

Horace Moody Award: <https://nirsa.net/nirsa/awards/horace-moody-award/>

Regional Awards of Merit: <https://nirsa.net/nirsa/awards/regional-award-of-merit/>

33. Please describe, in as much detail as possible, why your nominee is most deserving of this award: *

34. Letter of Support #1

Files submitted:

35. Letter of Support #2

Files submitted:

36. Letter of Support #3

Files submitted:

Thank you for
your nomination!

Thank you for taking the time to nominate an outstanding and deserving colleague for a NIRSA award!

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