2026 Campus Rec Innovative Programming Award

Application Deadline: November 12, 2025

Application Fee: No charge for institutional member schools; $95/entry for nonmember schools.
Unsure about your institution's membership status? Visit the [NIRSA Connect Member Directory](#) to find out.

The **Campus Rec Innovative Programming Award** recognizes contributions of members who are transforming the field of collegiate
recreation through outstanding programming and innovative services that improve student success, build community, and share the important message of health
and wellbeing in alignment with NIRSA's priorities.

Open Division: Submissions from any Campus Rec programming area (e.g., Intramurals, Sport Clubs, Member Services, Esports, etc.) are welcome. The review committee will select up to eight recipients annually.

Eligibility: Applicants must meet all of the following criteria.

- Any institution is welcome to apply. Institutional member institutions may apply at no cost. There is an application fee for nonmember institutions.
- Programming must have occurred or been enhanced between May 1, 2023, and April 30, 2025.
- The program may not have received a Campus Rec Innovative Programming Award in the past three years.

Award recipients will be formally recognized via NIRSA
media channels, at NIRSA Annual Conference 2026, and may be selected to feature
in additional content showcasing thought leadership within the NIRSA community.

If you have any questions or encounter difficulties with this form, please reach out
to leadership@nirsa.org.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

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2. Is your institution a current NIRSA Institutional Member? *

   Mark only one oval.

   ( ) Yes, our institution is an Institutional Member

   ( ) No, our institution is a Nonmember

3. First Name *

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4. Last Name *

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5. Job Title *

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6. Institution *

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Award Entry

Please create an online webpage, photo album, or similar platform to display photos and other materials that support your award entry. The content must be accessible without a password, and links should remain active through May 2026. Alternatively, you may upload your materials to our Dropbox at **nirsa.org/AwardUploads**.

To upload, first save all files in a single folder on your device and name the folder **[School or Facility Name--[Campus Rec Innovative Programming Award]**. Then upload the entire folder to the Dropbox. Please do not upload individual files; submitting the full folder ensures that all materials from your entry stay organized together.
If you need additional assistance with providing materials contact leadership@nirsa.org.

7. Title of Entry *

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8. Please provide a summary/overview of the element of your program you are   *
   submitting for consideration, including goals and objectives, and how the success
   of those goals and objectives will be measured.

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9. Was this program initiated or enhanced during the eligibility window? (May 1, 2023   *
   – April 30, 2025)

   Mark only one oval.

   ( ) Initiated

   ( ) Enhanced

10. How does this program support your department's mission? *

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11. Describe the plan, strategy, or tactics you used to reach the goals and objectives *
set.

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12. Please indicate your metrics for success. How did you determine the program's *
impact on students? Include specific data such as the number of program
participants, comments/summaries from member satisfaction surveys, etc., in
addition to anecdotal evidence.

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13. Why is this program deserving of a Campus Rec Innovative Programming Award? *

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14. How are you sharing additional materials (photos, etc.) with the Award   *
    Committee?

    Mark only one oval.

    ( ) I have created a web page or online photo album.

    ( ) I have uploaded materials to the NIRSA Dropbox link at nirsa.org/AwardUploads.

15. If you have created a web page or online photo album, what is the address?

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Consent & Release

16. Programming Award recipients will be prominently displayed on the NIRSA   *
    website. Images, submitted application text, and other materials submitted with
    winning applications may also be used for educational purposes, NIRSA Member
    reference, and other NIRSA promotions and communications. By submitting this
    application form, you grant NIRSA the nonexclusive right to copy, use and
    distribute all photographs, images, and other materials (including names of
    individuals, institutions, and companies) provided as part of your application, in
    part or in their entirety, for the purposes outlined above. You waive the right to
    inspect or approve use of your application materials and acknowledge that you
    have permission to use all images and materials contained in your application.

    Check all that apply.

    [ ] I agree

Entry Fee & Payment Information

Institutional, Professional, and Student Members: no fee. Nonmember organizations: $95 per
entry. You will be prompted for payment once you submit your application. If you wish to pay
by credit card via telephone or mail in a check, please email billing@nirsa.org with a contact
phone number after submitting your application.

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