

APA-Kansas Chapter Awards



Recognizing Great Planning in Kansas

All APA-Kansas members are invited to nominate a person, group, institution, or organization for one of the APA-Kansas Chapter Awards. Awards are made in the following categories:

- **Ad Astra Award**, for an individual or institution making a significant long-term contribution to the field of planning in Kansas.
- **Pioneer Award**, recognizing creativity and innovation in using planning to meet a community need or solve a public problem, in urban or rural areas.
- **Sodbuster Award**, recognizing an individual, appointed official, or an elected official who has advanced or promoted the cause of planning in the public arena.
- **New Horizon Award**, recognizing a student or student group that pushes the boundaries of planning in creative and innovative ways.



Help us to celebrate great planning in Kansas by nominating an outstanding planning effort. **Award nominations are due by 5:00 p.m., June 21, 2019.**

John Keller, PhD, FAICP, received the 2017 Ad Astra Award.

General Awards Information

- Entries must include a two-page statement that specifically addresses the criteria in the order requested under each category.
- Entries must include the end product (plan, project, etc.) and any necessary supporting documents.
- Entries must include at least one, but no more than three one-page letter(s) in support of the entry. The letter(s) should offer support for the value of the nominated effort and may not be written by the nominator of the submission, by the nominated individual or by anyone who directly worked on the project.
- Entries receiving awards become the property of APA-Kansas and will not be returned.
- **Entries must be submitted electronically.** One complete application (include all supporting documents) must be submitted in PDF format **no later than 5:00 PM on June 21, 2019.**

Awards will be presented at 2019 Quad State APA Conference, October 9-12 at the Hyatt Regency in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Recipients of awards will receive an engraved plaque and will be featured on the APA-Kansas website as well as in the APA-Kansas newsletter.

The Awards Committee is under no obligation to grant an award in any category or may elect to move a nomination to a different category. Nominators of submissions will be notified confidentially in late July or early August. Official announcements of submissions receiving awards will be made after all nominators have been notified.

Award Categories & Criteria



Ad Astra Award

Recognizes an individual or institution that has made a significant long-term contribution to the field of planning in the state of Kansas. The impact of their work extends beyond the geographic boundaries of their place of business and has taken the profession of planning to higher levels.

Eligibility: Candidates may apply or be nominated.

Criteria:

- Enhancement of planning profession – Describe how the nominee has shaped the profession statewide.
- Significant Contribution– Identify projects or policies this person or institution has made over an extended period of time to promote planning.

Note: This recognition is reserved for rare occasions and may not be awarded annually.

Pioneer Award (Urban or Rural)

Recognizes an individual or institution that has demonstrated creativity and/or innovation in using planning to meet a community need or solve a public problem. The solution must be sustainable, have public support, and the ability to be implemented. The Pioneer Award is issued in two subcategories: Urban and Rural.

Eligibility: Candidates can apply or be nominated.

Criteria:

- Planning Solution – Identify the problem or need and describe how planning played a role in designing a solution.
- Creative yet practical – Describe the original thinking involved with the solution and demonstrate public involvement and support.



2017 Pioneer Award presented to the City of Manhattan

Sod Buster Award

Recognizes an individual, appointed official, or an elected official who has advanced or promoted the cause of planning in the public arena. Those nominated may include engaged citizens demonstrating outstanding leadership in a community, region, or state; members of planning commissions, boards of zoning appeals, economic development boards, environmental or historic preservation councils, or other appointed officials; or elected officials, whether holding office at the local, regional, or state level. Nominations may also include the more nontraditional roles of citizen activists or neighborhood leaders.

Eligibility: Candidates cannot be self-nominated and cannot earn their living as planners.

Criteria:

- Support of planning– Illustrate how the nominee’s work has increased the understanding of the planning process. Indicate how the nominee has shown a clear understanding of, and support for, the role of planners in public life.



J.P. Lefmann, 2011 Sod Buster Award winner, with members of the Johnson County planning staff.

- **Effectiveness and results** – Describe the extent that the nominee has been effective in formulating and implementing plans and ideas in support of good planning. Identify the level of influence and effectiveness achieved by the nominee within different segments of the community.

New Horizon Award (Individual or Team)

Honors a student or group of students who have done work illustrating excellence in planning with attention to comprehensive planning principles and the planning process.

Eligibility: These awards are open to any student or team student project/paper/plan produced while the student(s) were enrolled in a graduate level planning program during the Summer 2018 through Spring 2019 semesters.

Criteria:

The applications should focus on how the nominee’s achievement illustrates excellence in planning with attention to comprehension of planning principles and the planning process. In addition, the nomination should particularly demonstrate how the project pushes the boundaries of planning in creative and innovative ways. However, in being creative, the project should continue to be feasible. By being innovative yet viable, the winning projects will contribute to advancing the field.



Submitting a Nomination

A complete awards nomination consists of:

- Completed awards nomination cover sheet
- A two-page statement that answers the awards criteria in the order requested under each category above.
- A copy of the end product (plan, project, etc.) and any necessary supporting documents.
- One to three one-page letter(s) in support of the nomination. The letters should offer support for the value of the nominated project/person and may not be written by the nominator, by the nominated individual, or by anyone who directly worked on the project.

Awards nominations must be submitted electronically and should be in pdf format. Awards nominations may be emailed to Scott Knebel, AICP, the awards committee chair, at sknebel@wichita.gov. If documents are publicly available online, a link to the document may be supplied in lieu of submitting the document electronically. If files are too large to email and not available online, please provide the document via a shared online folder (Dropbox, Google Drive, or similar).

Questions

Any questions about the awards categories, criteria, or submission requirements may be directed to Scott Knebel, AICP, at sknebel@wichita.gov or 316-268-4456.

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Award Nomination Cover Sheet

Award Category

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ad Astra Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Award (Rural) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Horizon Award (individual) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Award (Urban) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Horizon Award (group) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sod Buster Award |

Nominee

Nominee _____ Name of Project _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Nominator

Nominator _____ Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Nomination Checklist

- Awards Cover Sheet
- Nomination Statement (maximum of two pages)
- Final Product
- Letters of Support (maximum of three letters; one page each)

Nominator's Signature _____ Date _____

Nomination Deadline: 5:00 PM, Friday, June 21, 2019.