NPZA Award Nomination Form 2026

Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association (NPZA) recognizes outstanding individuals and communities that have contributed to the field of planning in Nebraska. Awards are considered for presentation at the annual meeting. Please consider making a nomination.

Submission Address / Contact Information

E-mail submissions to:

Judy Clark
president@npza.org

If you have questions about the nomination application process, contact Judy Clark at (308) 535-6724 or president@npza.org.

Submission Deadline

Nominations must be received at the above e-mail address by Monday, January 26, 2026 at 5:00 PM. Any entries received after that date will not be considered for award.

Judging and Awards Ceremony

Judging for NPZA Awards will be performed by the Award Nomination Committee and is under no obligation to grant an award in any category or subcategory. Nominations submitted under a certain category may result in an award in a different category if the Awards Committee feels the nomination is better suited to another category or subcategory.

Presentation of awards will be made at the 2026 Nebraska Planning Conference scheduled for March 4 – March 6, 2026 at the Younes Conference Center North in Kearney, Nebraska. NPZA Award winners will be presented with a personalized award or certificate, depending on the category, at the conference and will be featured in an edition of the NPZA Newsletter.

Award Nomination Dates

Nomination Due Date	January 26, 2026
Nomination Judging Period	January 27-30, 2026
Award Presentation	March 5, 2026

Required Nomination Materials

- **Nomination Form:** Please complete the online nomination form located at https://npza.org/awards/. The information requested in this form includes:
  - **Nominator Information**
  - **Nominee Information**
  - **Reasons for Nomination:** Provide a short summary of the award nomination in the space provided in the online form [500 words maximum].
  - **Local Media Contact Information**
- **Nomination Documentation:** Please upload the information requested below via email or the Dropbox link below.
  - **Photos:** Include up to 5 photos of the nominee or the projects the nominee has worked on. Please include as high a resolution as possible, as images will be used in award presentations and may be used in future printed materials.
  - **Letters of Support/Media Coverage:** Documents that support the nomination.

Submit the files to president@npza.org

Please label files clearly with the project name and document (e.g., Nominee Name, Project Name _Photo1, Project Name _Letter1, etc.) before submitting.

NPZA Rising Star in Planning and Development Award
Nomination Form

Person making nomination: _____

Nominator contact information:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nomination:

Name/Title: _____

Represents: _____

Reasons for nomination:

Local media contact information:

Required Criteria

1. Nominees for this award are limited to an individual new to the field of planning and zoning (less than 5 years involvement). This individual shows dedication to the field in a recent project or helping community members understand the importance of planning and zoning. The nominees may be a county employee, city/village employee, employed by a planning firm, an economic development district, or a newer Appointed/Elected Official. The nominee must be a member of NPZA or citizen planner.

Additional Criteria

1. Evidence and information supporting the nominee must be submitted with the nomination, this could be pictures, a list of studies or news media articles regarding the individual's dedication to the field of planning.
2. Letters of support are encouraged.