

Wally Wells Young Leader Award - Submission Form

Submissions must be received no later than March 6, 2026 to be eligible. NO EXCEPTIONS.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

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Wally Wells Young Leader Award

Established (2001) to recognize and encourage young OPWA members who have demonstrated an initial commitment to the profession and the association and show potential for future growth within the association. The award promotes the concept that length of career does not necessarily indicate leadership abilities or potential for service.

Submission Information

NOTE: This Submission Form cannot be submitted until all information requested below has been completed.

Sections 3 to 7 have required field entries - If a field is not applicable, enter "n/a".

Wally Wells Young Leader Award Criteria

This information will be used by the Awards Committee judging panel to assess the content of the submission and ultimately to determine the winner for this award.

Please ensure to address all applicable criteria in your responses.

Word Counts. Where a maximum word count is specified, the following character limits apply as a general guide:

250 words ≈ 1,600 characters

300 words ≈ 2,000 characters

500 words ≈ 3,300 characters

2. Please describe how the individual demonstrate an ability and eagerness to act at the Chapter or Branch level by serving on committees, as an officer, heading projects, or contributing in general to the well-being of the chapter. (max. 250 words) *

Please describe how the individual has accomplished one or more of the following:

3. **a)** Contributed in some significant manner to his/her public agency or company by implementing new ideas, overcoming problems, controlling costs, etc. (max. 250 words) *

4. **b)** Demonstrated an ongoing commitment to continuing education in the public work field. (i.e. related educational degree (s), attendance at workshops, seminars, or CEU credits etc.). (max. 250 words) *

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Nominee & Biography

Please provide a description of nominee and their personal public works career story. Please also include a headshot in the Digital Media Upload (section 10 of the form).

5. **Name of Nominee.** *

6. **Biography (max. 300 words)** *

Nominee Contact Info

7. **Title** *

8. **Agency/ Organization** *

9. **Phone** *

10. **Email** *

Nominating Representative

The candidate can be nominated by the OPWA Chapter, its Branches, OPWA members or a managing public agency.

11. **Contact Person** *

12. **Title ***

13. **Agency/ Organization ***

14. **Phone Number ***

15. **Email ***

Certificate Requirements

OPWA will provide one (1) framed certificate for this award to the winning nominee.

Digital Media Upload

Each award submission is permitted a maximum of three (3) digital uploads (photos), including one (1) headshot (high resolution) of the nominee.

16. **photo format:** (.jpg or .png, no larger than 10 MB)

photo file naming: *award name(in 2wrds)_project name(in 4wrds)_photo#*

Files submitted:

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