

Western National Parks Opens 2025-26 Awards, Grants and Scholarships for National Parks Champions

WNP seeks nominations and applications to honor park champions and support future advocates; deadline December 31, 2025.

TUCSON, AZ, UNITED STATES, October 8, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Western National Parks (WNP) is now accepting nominations and applications for its 2025–2026 awards, grants and scholarships. Full details and submission materials are available on the [WNP website](#).

“Each year, WNP honors individuals who champion national parks and public lands,” said WNP President and CEO Marie Buck. “These awards and grants recognize past contributions and support the next generation of park advocates, researchers and educators, as we work toward fulfilling our mission and connecting more people to the parks and lands they love.”

Submission Deadline: December 31, 2025.

WNP Annual Awards

WNP is accepting nominations for the following awards:

EMIL W. HAURY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Honors individuals whose research has made a lasting contribution to national parks. Named after Emil W. Haury, a founding member of the Southwest Monument Association, precursor to WNP.

EDWARD B. DANSON AWARD: Recognizes outstanding support for WNP and national parks, reflecting dedication to preserving and promoting the Southwest’s heritage.



The poster features the Western National Parks logo at the top left. The main text reads "Awards, grants, and scholarships." in large white font. Below this, there are three images: a person in a red shirt and backpack working in a forest, a large saguaro cactus with white flowers, and a group of people working on a project. At the bottom right, the text "Apply today." is written in large white font.

STEWART L. UDALL AWARD: Celebrates individuals who enhance park interpretation and public engagement, continuing Udall's legacy of environmental advocacy.

[Submit nominations and review guidelines here.](#)

Research and Educator Grants

WNP offers funding opportunities for teachers and researchers with multiple awards and amounts available:

JAMES E. COOK NATURE'S CLASSROOM GRANT: Supports K-12 educators in connecting underrepresented youth to WNP's 72 partner parks through virtual or in-person experiences, field trips or ranger visits. [Learn more and apply.](#)



WNP RESEARCH GRANT: Funds scientific, historical and social science research in national parks, to advance their management, preservation and interpretation. One-year and multiyear projects up to three years.

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Ernest Quintana and Marty Sterkel Education Scholarship

These scholarships support young adults from underrepresented backgrounds pursuing careers with the National Park Service, government agencies or nonprofit heritage conservation organizations. Funds may be used

for tuition, internships or other study opportunities relevant to park management and conservation. [Learn more and apply.](#)

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About WNP

WNP helps make the national park experience possible for everyone. As a nonprofit education

partner of the National Park Service, WNP supports parks across the West, developing products, services, and programs that enhance visitor experience, understanding, and appreciation of national parks. Since 1938, WNP has worked to connect new generations to parks in meaningful ways, all with one simple goal: create advocates who want to preserve and protect these special places for everyone, for all time. Learn more about the organization and career opportunities at wnp.org.

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