

GLPA MENTOR AWARD

The GLPA Mentor Award was created to honor those who spend great effort and countless hours on mentoring students and/or others in the planetarium field. The Great Lakes Planetarium Association wants to recognize individuals who consistently provide encouragement and opportunities to become involved in the planetarium profession, thereby promoting continuity of the profession. The details of qualifications and nomination procedures are as follows:

To qualify for the GLPA Mentor Award, a planetarian must fulfill the following:

1. Nurture interest in planetarium operation.
2. Create opportunities for students and/or others to learn how to prepare and present quality planetarium programs.
3. Be a member in good standing for at least five consecutive years.
4. Model quality planetarium work and demonstrate the nature of the planetarium profession as a career for students and/or others.
5. Encourage and support participation by those mentored in a variety of learning opportunities:
 - a) Attendance and participation at annual GLPA conferences, GLPA state meetings, and other conferences which emphasize planetarium education and operation and/or
 - b) Exploratory visits to a variety of planetariums.
6. Exemplify the GLPA Code of Ethics and GLPA position statements.

Nomination Details:

1. The nominee should not be self-nominated or nominated by another family member.
2. Information about the nominee must include: name, work address, phone number, and e-mail address. The nomination should contain a description of ways, including specific details, that the nominee has fulfilled the requirements for the award.
3. Two additional letters of support from those who understand the nominee's mentoring role must accompany the nomination.
4. The nomination with the two additional support letters should be sent to the GLPA Membership Chair.
The closing date for nominations is the Vernal Equinox.

Treatment of Nominations:

1. The GLPA Executive Committee will review all nominations and select recipients.
2. Recipients will receive their Mentor Award at the Annual Fall Conference.
3. Nomination packets of those who do not receive the award in the year submitted will be kept on file for an additional three consecutive years.

The Executive Committee is aware that there are many GLPA members who mentor students and others new to the planetarium field. Please think of those individuals who, with integrity, patience, and creativity, go that extra step to introduce people to the universe of planetarium operation and education.