

NASW/TEXAS AWARDS 2011 SELECTION PROCESS FOR ALL AWARDS

1. Local Branches will determine the process for award selections at the Branch level and designate to whom nominations should be submitted. Local Branch should let Erin Beam (ebeam@naswtx.org) at the chapter office know who is the contact at the Branch.
2. Nominations may be made by any NASW member and must be submitted through the appropriate process as determined by the local Branch. The Chapter level timeline, awards criteria and nomination form are published in the December/January issue of *NETWORK*. Local deadlines may be printed in your local newsletters.
3. The Branch should make Branch selections following a schedule that permits recognition of Awardees during Social Work Month (March). If you would like local awardees recognized in the March Network, please let Erin know by **February 10, 2011 (the best way is by including it in your Around the State information)**.
4. Branches determine if they have award winners they wish to submit for consideration for a NASW/Texas Chapter award. If there are appropriate nominees, a nomination packet is assembled (**see procedures**) and forwarded to the Program Coordinator by **April 1, 2011**. A Branch may submit a nominee in as few as one category or as many as five. It is not required that nominees in all categories be submitted.
5. Nomination packets submitted by deadline (**April 1, 2011**) are screened for completeness and forwarded to the Awards Review Committee. The Awards Review Committee is an ad hoc committee formed by volunteers from the Board of Directors. This committee is to be determined during the January Board Meeting each year. ***Incomplete packets will not be considered. Packets should only include: completed Official Nomination Form, 1-page summary of contributions, three letters of support/recommendation to include phone and email of author, curriculum vita/resume and picture.*** Other items included in nomination packets will **not** be considered.
6. Members of the Awards Review Committee will review completed nomination packets. Each committee member will make their selection of three nominees for each category of award. (**May 13, 2011**)
7. Three nominees in each category will be submitted to the entire Board of Directors, including the Awards Review Committee, for their selection of Award finalists. The Board of Directors return their ballots to the Chapter Office for tally. (**May 20, 2011**)
8. The finalists will be reviewed by the Executive Committee for final determination. (**June 1, 2011**)
9. The President, on behalf of the Board of Directors, will notify Branch chairs and winners. Letters will be sent to Award Winners and Nominators (June/July)
10. The winners will be published in the *NETWORK*. (September)
11. Order plaques for awardees. (mid-September)
12. Send awardees invitations to awards reception. (3 weeks out)
13. Awards will be presented at the NASW/Texas annual conference. (October 8-10, 2011)
14. Send Award Winners to National for nomination.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- Currently employed staff of NASW/Texas may be utilized as a resource but may not make nominations or write letters of support.
- **Current NASW/Texas Board members or NLIC Representatives may not be considered for any award.**
- A nominee who has been reprimanded by NASW/Texas or who has had action taken against their license by the licensing board in the last 5 years will not be considered for any award.
- As Branches begin to identify potential nominees, be sensitive to the fact that individuals close to the elected leadership of the Branch may be placed in a difficult position if nominated, and that this may actually create a “cloud” over their nomination. Better to reserve those qualified individuals for a later date.
- The Awards Committee will only review the required documentation including: completed official nomination form, one-page summary, curriculum vita, three (3) letters of support to include phone and email of author. Other documentation (videos, newspaper articles, certificates, etc.) will not be reviewed by the committee.
- All other guidelines are left to the discretion of the local Branch.

Timeline

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| October/November 2010 | Nomination forms and information available in <i>Network</i> |
| March 2011 Timelines determined at Branch level. | Branches made selection and awards presented at social work month event. |
| April 1, 2011 | Nomination packets submitted to chapter office. |
| April 2011 | Staff reviews nomination packets for completeness. Branch chairs and NLIC representatives are contacted about incomplete packets. Complete packets are forwarded to Practice Advancement Committee. |
| April 2011 Board Meeting | Awards Packets distributed to Practice Advancement Committee. Committee chooses three candidates in each category. |
| June 2011 | Nomination packets of top three in each category are mailed to full board. Members rank candidates 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd choice. Ballots sent in by fax or mail. Branch chairs and award winners are notified by NASW/Texas President. |
| November 5-7, 2011 State Conference, Dallas, TX | Awards are presented at conference. |

CRITERIA FOR SOCIAL WORK STUDENT OF THE YEAR

The Social Work Student of the Year Award honors a student member of NASW/Texas who is enrolled at least halftime (as defined by their school) in a graduate or undergraduate Social Work Program and has made an outstanding contribution to the goals and mission of the profession.

CRITERIA

The award recipient must demonstrate, at a beginning level, the following:

- Leadership
- Commitment to Social Justice
- Commitment to the profession of Social Work
- Commitment to Clients
- Integration of Social Work knowledge, skills, attitudes and values.

The award recipient must be an NASW member in good standing

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Individuals may nominate an NASW member by submitting the following:

- Completed official nomination form
- One-page summary that describes
 - What the student has accomplished
 - What risks the social worker took to achieve results
 - Who the beneficiaries are
- Curriculum vita
- Three (3) letters of support
- Picture

*****Please only submit the items listed above. Other information included in the nomination packet will not be reviewed by the Practice Advancement Committee.***

To ensure the nominee's eligibility, please adhere to the nomination guidelines. Use clear, concise, descriptive examples of activities and accomplishments. The nomination packet must include the nomination form, summary sheet, vita and support letters. The nomination packet must be received by the chapter office by Friday **April 1, 2011**. Late nominations will not be accepted. The Practice Advancement Committee of the NASW/Texas Board of Directors selects three finalists in each awards category. The NASW/Texas Board of Directors selects the recipients. The awardee and branch are notified by the Chapter President. The award will be presented at the NASW/Texas Conference, November 5-7, 2011 in Dallas, Texas.

NASW/TEXAS CHAPTER SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Social Worker of the Year Award honors a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) who exemplifies the best of the profession's values and achievements through specific accomplishments. In honoring the Social Worker of the Year, NASW highlights superb accomplishments in the practice of social work.

CRITERIA

The award recipient must:

- Make a demonstrable difference in such areas as
 - Advocacy for the clients
 - Social policy
 - Social work practice
 - Program development
 - Administration
 - Research
- Demonstrate outstanding leadership
- Contribute to a positive image for the social work profession
- Take risks to achieve outstanding results
- Be an NASW member in good standing

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Individuals may nominate an NASW member by submitting the following:

- Completed official nomination form
- One-page summary that describes
 - What the social worker has accomplished
 - What risks the social worker took to achieve results
 - Who the beneficiaries were
- Curriculum vita
- Three (3) letters of support
- Picture

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NASW/TEXAS CHAPTER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Each year, the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers selects a social worker for this award to celebrate a lifetime of accomplishments. In honoring the Lifetime Achievement Award winner, NASW recognized the best social work values and accomplishments demonstrated in the social worker's lifetime.

CRITERIA

The award recipient must:

- Demonstrate repeated outstanding achievements, as well as
 - Recognition beyond the social work profession
 - Contributions of lasting impact
 - Outstanding creativity
- Meet all criteria for Social Worker of the Year
- Be an NASW member in good standing

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Individuals may nominate an NASW member by submitting the following:

- Completed official nomination form
- One-page summary of demonstrated contributions that describes
 - What was outstanding about the nominee's action(s)
 - Risks the nominee took to achieve results
 - What the nominee accomplished
 - Who the beneficiaries were
 - What long-term effect was achieved
- Curriculum vita
- Three (3) letters of support
- Picture

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NASW/TEXAS CHAPTER PUBLIC ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW), the largest membership organization of professional social workers, established the Public Elected Official of the Year Award to honor outstanding service and contributions of an elected official who has shown leadership in the formulation of public policy, particularly policies that affect social justice, health care, education, civil and human rights and social practice.

CRITERIA

The award recipient must:

- Be an elected official serving, at the time of nomination, in public office at the local, state or national level;
- Make a significant contribution to public service while in office;
- Demonstrate leadership in advancing public policy in the area of vulnerable populations, civil and human rights or social welfare;
- Demonstrate leadership on behalf of the protection and advancement of social work practice;
- Exemplify social work values and ethics.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Individuals may nominate a public citizen by submitting the following:

- Completed official nomination form
- One-page summary that describes
 - What the nominee accomplished
 - What the consequences were
 - Who the beneficiaries were
 - How the nominee's accomplishments relate to social work
- Curriculum vita
- Three (3) letters of support
- Picture

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NASW/TEXAS CHAPTER PUBLIC CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW), the largest membership organization of professional social workers, established the Public Citizen of the Year to honor an outstanding member of the community whose accomplishments exemplify the values and mission of the profession of social work. *The award winner is not a social worker.*

CRITERIA

The award recipient must:

- Make a significant contribution to an area or population of concern to the social work profession such as
 - At-risk or vulnerable populations
 - Quality of life in communities
 - Social issues
- Act with courage
- Demonstrate outstanding leadership
- Exemplify social work values and ethics

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

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- Completed official nomination form
- One-page summary that describes
 - What the nominee accomplished
 - What the consequences were
 - Who the beneficiaries were
 - How the nominee's accomplishments relate to social work
- Curriculum vita
- Three (3) letters of support
- Picture

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NASW/TEXAS CHAPTER MEDIA AWARD OF THE YEAR

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW), the largest membership organization of professional social workers, established the Media Award of the Year to honor a member of the media who has made outstanding contributions in Print, Radio, Television or Online Publications that provide information to the general public. *The award winner is not a social worker.*

CRITERIA

The award recipient must:

- Demonstrate leadership in their respective media area by accurately portraying the social work profession and the issues of concern to social workers
- Increase the understanding, awareness and values of the social work profession to the general public
- Exemplify social work values and ethics
- Effectively communicate the impact of policy decisions on the lives of Texas
- Use social workers as resources for article/reports

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Individuals may nominate a member of the media by submitting the following:

- Completed official nomination form
- One-page summary that describes
 - What the nominee accomplished
 - What the consequences were
 - Who the beneficiaries were
 - How the nominee's accomplishments relate to social work
- Curriculum vita
- Three (3) letters of support
- Picture

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