

NATIONAL Awards Program

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

The Social Worker of the Year Award honors a National Association of Social Workers (NASW) member 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 in the member's career. NASW chapters only may nominate candidates in this category.

The Public Citizen of the Year Award honors an outstanding member of the community whose accomplishments exemplify the values and mission of professional social work. *The award recipient is not a social worker.* NASW chapters, individuals, and social welfare organizations may nominate candidates in this category.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is given in celebration of a lifetime of accomplishments. This award recognizes the best social work values and accomplishments as demonstrated in one's lifetime career. NASW chapters and individuals may nominate candidates in this category.

The Public Elected Official of the Year Award recognizes 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. NASW chapters, individuals, and social welfare organizations may nominate elected officials for this award.

The International Rhoda G. Sarnat Award is given to an individual, group, or organization that has significantly advanced the public image of social work. The award recipient receives a cash prize of \$3,000. This award is administered by the NASW Foundation. NASW chapters, individuals, and social welfare organizations may nominate candidates in this category.

The Knee/Wittman Health & Mental Health Achievement Awards are given to recognize individuals or groups who are models of excellence and have made significant contributions in the field of health and mental health. The awards are administered by the NASW Foundation. NASW chapters, individuals and social welfare organizations may nominate in this category.

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NATIONAL SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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CRITERIA

The award recipient must:

- Make a demonstrable difference in such areas as
 - Advocacy for 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

Chapters may nominate an NASW member by submitting six (6) copies of 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
- Recent black and white photograph (*only one copy required*)

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, support letters, and photograph. **The nomination packet must be received in the national office by Friday, April 16, 2004. Late nominations will not be accepted.** The National Awards Committee selects and makes recommendations to the National Board of Directors, which approves the award recipient. The awardee, nominator, and chapter are notified. The award will be presented locally and the awardee will be recognized in the program of the Social Work Congress in 2005.

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NATIONAL SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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NATIONAL 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 Award to honor an outstanding member of the community whose accomplishments exemplify the values and mission of professional social work. *The award recipient 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

Chapters, individuals, and social welfare organizations may nominate a public citizen by submitting six (6) copies of 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
- Recent black and white photograph (*only one copy required*)

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NATIONAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Each year, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) selects a social worker for this national award to celebrate a lifetime of accomplishments. In honoring the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, NASW recognizes the best social work values and accomplishments demonstrated in the social worker's lifetime career.

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

Chapters and individuals may nominate a social worker by submitting six (6) copies of 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
- Recent black and white photograph (*only one copy required*)

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NATIONAL PUBLIC ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

Elected officials make decisions about a broad range of issues that, when enacted into law, represent the collective values of our society. Of particular interest to the social work profession are policies that affect social justice, health care, education, civil and human rights, and social work practice. In recognition of the responsibilities and challenges of public service, NASW established an annual award to recognize the outstanding service and contributions of an elected official. Special consideration will be given to social workers elected to public office.

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

NASW chapters, individuals, and social welfare organizations may nominate a public elected official by submitting six (6) copies of the following :

- Completed official nomination form
- **One-page** summary that describes
 - Nature of leadership demonstrated on issues of concern to the social work profession
 - Short and long-term effect of his or her leadership
 - How the social work profession and those served are affected
- Curriculum vita
- Three (3) letters of support (including one from the NASW chapter in the state where the nominee resides)
- Recent black and white photograph (*only one copy required*)

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, support letters, and photograph. **The nomination packet must be received in the national office by Friday, April 16, 2004. Late nominations will not be accepted.** The National Awards Committee selects and makes recommendations to the National Board of Directors, which approves the award recipient. The awardee, nominator, and chapter are notified. The award will be presented locally and the awardee will be recognized in the program of the Social Work Congress in 2005.

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NASW FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL RHODA G. SARNAT AWARD

The International Rhoda G. Sarnat Award is given to an individual, group, or organization that has significantly advanced the public image of professional social work. This monetary prize, first awarded in 1993, is made possible from an endowment fund established by a generous contribution from Dr. Bernard Sarnat and Mrs. Rhoda Sarnat, LCSW.

Rhoda G. Sarnat is a retired clinical social worker and former faculty member at the University of Southern California Graduate School of Social Work who is committed to improving the public perception of professional social work.

The purpose of the Sarnat Award is to increase public awareness and recognition of the value of professional social work. The recipient receives a cash prize of \$3,000.

Guidelines

The International Rhoda G. Sarnat Award recognizes significant contributions to social work practice by a living individual, a group, or an organization. This award includes, but is not limited to, social workers or social work agencies. NASW national and chapter board members with unexpired terms and national and chapter staff, are ineligible. One \$3,000 cash prize will be presented in the 2004-05 program year.

Nomination Requirements

NASW chapters, individuals, and social welfare organizations may nominate an individual, group or organization by submitting six (6) copies of the following:

- Completed nomination form.
- One page summary with clear, concise examples of activities and accomplishments that represent the nominee's contributions to professional social work. Please include five year history of actions, national or international scope; evidence to support contribution(s); significant impact on the social work profession.
- Professional summary: curriculum vitae or resume for individuals; profile of organization that includes mission, scope, structure, size, and legal status.
- Three (3) letters of confirmation of nominee's contributions.

Complete nomination packets should include no more than ten (10) pages of relevant documentation and data. An award panel will review applications and select the award recipient. The award will be presented locally and the awardee will be recognized in the program of the Social Work Congress in 2005.

For a complete list of previous award recipients, please visit www.naswfoundation.org/awards/default.htm

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KNEE/WITTMAN HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Knee/Wittman Awards are given to recognize individuals or groups who are models of excellence and have made significant contributions in the field of health and mental health. The Knee/Wittman Award Program was established to recognize those who represent the values, ethics and approaches exemplified by two dedicated social work pioneers, Ruth Knee and Milton Wittman. The Knee/Wittman Awards are non-monetary awards recognizing outstanding achievements.

Knee and Wittman (1915-1994) guided the development of social policy and standards. Their lifelong commitments to social values and the effective provision of services to those who are disadvantaged are reflected in their careers with the Public Health Service and in their leadership roles with professional social work, public health, and mental health organizations.

The **Lifetime Achievement Award** is presented to a professional social worker who has made exemplary contributions in *health and mental health practice*. Professional social work practice includes direct or clinical social work; social work education; social work research and administration related to health or mental health problems, issues or programs.

The **Outstanding Achievement Award** is presented to an individual or group that has made a significant impact on national *health and/or mental health public policy, professional standards, or program models*. This award is not limited to social work.

For a complete list of previous award recipients, please visit www.naswfoundation.org/awards/default.htm

Lifetime Achievement Award Guidelines

The **Knee/Wittman Lifetime Achievement Award** recognizes a professional social worker who, over the course of his/her career, has made an exemplary contribution to *health/mental health practice*. Professional social work practice includes direct or clinical social work, social work education, research, consultation, planning and administration in medical, psychiatric, community mental health, or public health settings. Health/mental health practice includes direct influence on health/mental health problems, issues, populations, or settings. *Lifetime career means a person who has spent at least twenty-five (25) years in the field whether currently active or retired.*

Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination Requirements

*Summarize the nominee's accomplishments by using the criteria listed below. NASW chapters, individuals, and social welfare organizations may nominate an individual for the Lifetime Achievement Award by submitting **five (5) copies** of the following:*

- Completed nomination form.
- Describe specifics of nominee's lifetime achievement (at least twenty five years of experience in the social work profession) as it relates to the field of health/mental health.
- What are the personal and professional attributes that uniquely characterize the social work career of the nominee?
- How has the nominee's work improved the delivery of health/mental health services and their impact on individuals, families, groups, and/or communities?
- How has this been evidenced in leadership, policy development, consultation, research, teaching, administration, clinical practice, or public health/community mental health programs?
- Three additional endorsements with support letters.
- List nominee's awards, honors, or other special recognition.
- Additional information or comments.

Nominations are considered for two consecutive years. NASW national staff, current members of the NASW Board of Directors, and members of the Award Committee are ineligible.

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KNEE/WITTMAN HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Outstanding Achievement Award Guidelines

The Knee/Wittman Outstanding Achievement Award recognizes an individual or group that has had a significant impact on national *health and/or mental health public policy, professional standards, or exemplary program models*. The contribution may be in the development, interpretation, implementation, institutionalization, or expansion of health or mental health policy or legislation. Such achievement should be reflected in positive improvements in the social work profession and in the services provided to clients (individuals, families, communities, or institutions). This award includes but is not limited to social workers.

Outstanding Achievement Award Nomination Requirements

Summarize the nominee's accomplishments by using the criteria listed below. NASW chapters, individuals, and social welfare organizations may nominate an individual for the Outstanding Achievement Award by submitting five (5) copies of the following:

- Completed nomination form.
- Describe specifics of nominee's achievement as it relates to the field of health/mental health policy. What is the intended extent of the policy? What is its national impact?
- What are the professional or programmatic attributes which uniquely characterize the nominee?
- How has the policy innovation or refinement improved the delivery of health/mental health services and what has been the impact on individuals, families, groups, and/or communities?
- How has this been evidenced in legislation, regulations, research, teaching, administration, clinical standards, or public health/community mental health programs?
- Three additional endorsements with support letters.
- List significant special recognition, awards, or honors which the nominee has received for this or other policy achievement.
- Additional information or comments.

Nominations are considered for two consecutive years. NASW national staff, current members of the NASW Board of Directors, and members of the Award Committee are ineligible.

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KNEE/WITTMAN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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