

NOMINATION PROCEDURES: CHAPTER ANNUAL AWARDS OF MERIT

Dear Colleagues in NASW, West Virginia,

One of our favorite tasks as members of your Nominating Committee is to solicit your nominations for the NASW West Virginia Chapter's annual awards of merit. It is such a thrill to know that, at least once a year, we take the time to honor the accomplishments of several special West Virginia social workers and citizens. It is equally thrilling to know that our recognition of their hard work, dedication and self-sacrifice gives them added strength to carry on their work and inspire us all!

We encourage you to submit names and background information for potential recipients of the following awards:

- **Social Worker of the Year**
- **Catalyst Award for Direct Social Work Practice**
- **Exemplar Award for Excellence in Social Work Management**
- **Public Citizen of the Year**
- **Jon Blair Hunter Award for Political Advancement** (*Legislator/Public Official of the Year*).

Nominations are accepted through March 15th of each year. The award categories and nominating instructions can be found below.

Please consider nominating a worthy individual for one of these awards. All nominees should have demonstrated a significant commitment to the values, ethics and ideals of the Social Work profession, and made significant contributions to their state, community, client population and/or profession. Additional requirements are as follows:

Social Worker of the Year - must be a member of NASW affiliated with the West Virginia Chapter and have earned a CSWE accredited degree in social work.

Catalyst Award for Direct Social Work Practice - must have earned a CSWE accredited degree in social work and spend at least 50% of their work time in direct practice with individuals, couples, groups, families, organizations or communities.

Exemplar award for Excellence in Social Work Management - must have earned a CSWE accredited Master of Social Work degree and spend at least 50% of their work time in administration, management and/or supervision.

Public Citizen of the Year – a citizen whose action exemplify the ideals of our profession, but is not be a member of NASW or a professional social worker

Jon Blair Hunter Award for Political Advancement (*Legislator/Public Official of the Year*) – a legislator, public official or policy-maker; generally not a social worker or member of NASW (but may be).

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Please include the following information with the nomination:

1. Your name, address and contact information,
2. Nominee's name, address and phone/email contact information,
3. Attach a paragraph or two about the accomplishments and/or characteristics of the individual that have led you to make the nomination, including the nominee's demonstrated adherence to or respect for social work values and ethics, and their professional conduct and/or personal character as evidenced through their accomplishments or practice. Professional social worker nominees should embody, and non-social worker nominees should embrace, the highest ideals of the social work profession, such as the right to client/consumer self-determination, promotion of sound public policies, exemplary ethical conduct, advancement of the profession and its goals, and/or significant contribution to the social work knowledge base.
4. Attach supportive documentation, such as news clippings, resume, letters of support, etc.

5. SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 15th TO:

National Association of Social Workers, West Virginia Chapter
Attn: Nominations Committee
1608 Virginia Street East
Charleston, West Virginia 25311

(304) 345-NASW (6279)
FAX: (304) 720-3766
Email: Mail@NASWWV.org

THANK YOU for making a nomination for one or more of these prestigious awards!

Sincerely,

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