

LOUISIANA PUBLIC ELECTED OFFICIAL AWARD

Elected officials often face 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 those policies that affect social justice, health care, education, civil, human rights, and social 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.

CRITERIA

Candidates must:

1. Be an elected official serving, at the time of nomination, in public office at the local or state level.
2. Be an individual who has made a significant contribution to public service while in office.
3. Demonstrate leadership in advancing public policy in the area of vulnerable populations, civil and human rights, or social welfare.
4. Demonstrate leadership on behalf of the protection and advancement of social work practice.
5. Exemplify social work values and ethics.

Special consideration will be given to social workers elected to public office.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

NASW members, individuals, and social welfare organizations may nominate a candidate by submitting one (1) copy of the following:

1. Completed official nomination form
2. **One-page** summary of demonstrated contributions listing each of these accomplishments:
 - ◆ Nature of leadership demonstrated on issues of concern to the social work profession
 - ◆ Short and long-term impact of his/her leadership
 - ◆ How the social work profession and those served are impacted
3. Curriculum vita
4. Three (3) letters of support (including one from the region where the nominee resides)
5. Recent black and white photograph (*only one copy required*)

To ensure the candidate'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 office by January 29, 2010.** The Chapter Executive Committee selects the winner and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors, which approves the award winner. The awardees, nominator, and region are notified. The award will be presented at NASW's Annual Conference, March 2010.