

## LOUISIANA SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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

### **CRITERIA**

Candidates must:

1. Make a demonstrable difference in such areas as:
  - ◆ Advocacy for clients
  - ◆ Impact on social policy
  - ◆ Exceptional practice
  - ◆ Program creation
  - ◆ Administration development
  - ◆ Innovative research
2. Demonstrate outstanding leadership
3. Contribute to a positive image for the social work profession
4. Take risks to achieve outstanding results
5. Be an NASW member in good standing

### **NOMINATION PROCEDURE**

NASW members 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:
  - ◆ What has the social worker accomplished?
  - ◆ What risks did the nominee take to achieve results?
  - ◆ Who were the beneficiaries?
3. Curriculum vita
4. Three (3) letters of support
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.