

## LOUISIANA SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The School 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 School Social Worker of the Year, NASW-LA highlights superb accomplishments in the practice of social work in the school system of a member's career.

### **CRITERIA**

Candidates must:

1. Demonstrate outstanding leadership
2. Contribute to a positive image for the social work profession
3. Take risks to achieve outstanding results
4. Be an NASW member in good standing
5. The award will not be presented posthumously
6. NASW Board Members, members of the School Social Work Steering Committee with unexpired terms, and chapter staff are ineligible

### **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 as they apply to school social work practice:
  - ◆ Describe specifics of nominee's achievement as it relates to the field of school social work.
  - ◆ 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 school social work services and their impact on the quality of services, and contributions to the public image of school social work?
  - ◆ How has this been evidenced in linkages of home, education, and community?
3. Curriculum vita
4. Three (3) letters of support
5. Recent black and white photograph (*only one copy required*)

**\*NOTE: Complete nominations packet should include no more than ten (10) pages of relevant documentation and data.**

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.