

Chapter Annual Awards

The purpose of the Washington State Chapter of NASW Annual Awards is to honor social workers, a citizen, and an agency that have contributed significantly to their community and society. The awards are in the following categories: Social Worker of the Year, Public Citizen, Outstanding Recent Graduate, and Outstanding Student. The Chapter invites nominations for these awards from Chapter and community members. A President's Award may be given for an exemplary contribution at the discretion of the Chapter President. *This is not necessarily an annual award.*

Universal criteria for:

Social Worker, Public Citizen of the Year, Outstanding Recent Graduate and Outstanding Student

1. Is an NASW member.*
2. Demonstrates a strong adherence to social work values.
3. Demonstrates a personal and/or professional commitment to diversity and cultural inclusiveness.
4. Demonstrates outstanding leadership and contributes to a positive image for social work.

**Except social work student*

Social Worker of the Year

Honors a social worker that has exemplified the best of the profession's values and achievements.

Award specific criteria:

1. Makes a demonstrable difference in such areas as advocacy for clients or the profession, social policy, practice, program creation, administration development, or research.
2. Takes risks to achieve outstanding results.

Social Work Educator of the Year

Honors a social work educator in the state who has had a clear impact on the profession and on the individuals whom they teach.

Award specific criteria:

1. Is affiliated with an accredited social work education program.
2. Demonstrates a commitment to excellence in social work education.
3. Advocates elimination of racism and sexism in their teaching and incorporates current social trends.
4. Applies knowledge in their area of expertise to community service and extra-curricular activities.
5. Responds to students' needs and encourages student's professional growth.

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Public Citizen of the Year

Honors a citizen who is not a social worker and has demonstrated significant contributions that are consonant with social work values and mission.

Award specific criteria:

1. Does not hold a social work degree.
2. Makes a significant contribution to an area or population of concern to social work such as public social issues, populations at risk, and quality of life for communities.
3. Exemplifies social work values and ethics.
4. Has a personal and professional commitment to diversity and cultural inclusiveness.
5. Demonstrates outstanding leadership and acts with courage and verve.

Outstanding Recent Graduate

Honors all recent graduates who are now working in Washington State and who has already demonstrated a strong adherence to social work values.

Award specific criteria:

1. Has graduated from an accredited MSW or BSW program within the last five years.
2. Has made a meaningful contribution to the profession (i.e., has designed a new program that has made a difference; implemented policy within an agency, attained licensure, works with difficult or at-risk populations).
3. Exhibits leadership potential

Outstanding Student

Honors a student currently in a social work program in our state who has demonstrated a strong adherence to social work values.

Award specific criteria:

1. Is attending a CSWE-accredited MSW or BSW program.
2. Demonstrates an interest in the profession beyond the academic arena, e.g., attendance at NASW events such as Lobby Day, the state conference, student NASW retreats, student NASW meetings.

President's Award

Given at the discretion of the Washington Chapter President, this award recognizes that all excellent, outstanding performances and merit cannot be easily categorized.

Award specific criteria:

1. Exemplifies social work values and ethics.
2. Has a personal and professional commitment to diversity and cultural inclusiveness.

Nominations Sought

Annual Award
nominations sought
for:

- Social Worker of the Year
- Social Work Educator of the Year
- Public Citizen of the Year
- Outstanding Recent Graduate
- Outstanding Student
- Presidents Award

Award Criteria

Criteria for Chapter awards are on the page listed above.

Due Date

Award nomination form/cover sheet is **due in the Chapter office by February 15th**.

Send to:

This cover sheet and relevant materials must be **mailed** to
NASW-WA
522 North 85th Street
Suite B100
Seattle, WA 98301
Phone: 206-706-7084

Annual Awards Nomination Form

Please select one award category in which to nominate your candidate and accurately describe in 500 words how your nominee has exemplified the principle tasks and standards as specifically outlined in the criteria for that award. **When submitting your nomination, please submit this nomination form, a biographical sketch or vitae, documentation of activities and/or press clippings.** Please print or type.

Circle one: Social Worker of the Year
Public Citizen of the Year
Outstanding Student

Social Work Educator of the Year
Outstanding Recent Graduate
President's Award

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Day Phone#: _____ E-mail: _____

Place of employment: _____

Position: _____

Is this person a NASW member: Yes No

Nominator's name: _____

Your day phone: _____ Your E-mail: _____

Your signature: _____

Print or type a 500-word statement below (or on a separate sheet of paper):
