

National Association of Social Workers

2018 Annual Awards Criteria

**Deadline to Receive Nomination Packet is
Friday, February 9th, 2018 at Midnight**

NASW Virginia honors those who are steadfast in their pursuit of professional excellence and commitment to the values of social work. NASW Virginia is looking for nominations for the 2018 Annual Conference Awards Ceremony. Categories include Citizen of the Year, BSW Student of the Year, MSW Student of the Year, Social Worker of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement. The presentation of the awards will be made at the 2018 Annual Conference to be held March 15 – 17, 2018. If you know someone deserving of this recognition please email us at naswva@naswva.com.



2018 Social Worker of the Year Criteria

THE CANDIDATE:

- Is a social worker and member of NASW Virginia
- Demonstrates service beyond his/her job requirements
- Takes risks to achieve results
- Has made contributions to the public's knowledge and positive image of social work
- Demonstrates leadership qualities
- Has made volunteer contributions
- Has made a demonstrable difference in the field of social work in areas such as:
 - advocacy for clients
 - impact on social policy
 - exceptional practice
 - program development
 - administrative leadership and innovation
 - noteworthy applied research
 - education and publications

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Nominate a NASW Virginia member for Social Worker of the Year by submitting the following:

- Completed nomination form (PDF or on-line)
 - One-page summary which describes:
 - What the social worker has accomplished
 - What risks the social worker took to achieve results
 - Who the beneficiaries were
 - Curriculum vitae
 - Letter of support
 - 3 High Resolution Photos (JPEG)
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2018 Lifetime Achievement in Social Work Criteria

THE CANDIDATE:

- Meets all criteria for Social Worker of the Year
- Is a current or past member of NASW
- Demonstrates repeated outstanding achievements over an entire career
- Has received recognition from organizations other than professional social work organizations

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Nominate a NASW Virginia member for the Virginia Lifetime Achievement Award by submitting the following:

- Completed Nomination Form (PDF or on-line)
 - One-page summary which describes:
 - What was outstanding about the nominee's action(s)
 - What risks the nominee took to achieve results
 - What the nominee accomplished
 - Who the beneficiaries were
 - What long-term effects were achieved
 - Curriculum vitae
 - Letter of support
 - 3 High Resolution Photos (JPEG)
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2018 BSW and MSW Student of the Year Criteria

THE CANDIDATE MUST:

- Demonstrate outstanding academic work
- Demonstrate outstanding accomplishments and work in the Social Work field during an internship
- Demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities
- Be a member of NASW

- Be enrolled in a CSWE-accredited social work program in Virginia

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Nominate a student for the Virginia BSW or MSW Student of the Year Award by submitting the following:

- Completed nomination form (PDF or on-line)
 - One-page minimum summary which describes the nominee's:
 - Academic achievements, leadership roles, and accomplishment in the area of social work
 - Volunteer activities, academic or otherwise, that promoted a positive image of social work, benefited a population at risk, or demonstrated leadership
 - Awards, scholarships, or other honors or recognition not previously mentioned
 - Letter of support
 - 3 High Resolution Photos (JPEG)
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2018 Citizen of the Year Criteria

THE CANDIDATE:

- Cannot be member of the social work profession
- Has made contributions to the public's knowledge and positive image of social work
- Has made a substantial contribution which benefited the community
- Must have made specific outstanding accomplishments in the human services field
- Has personally represented ethics compatible with those defined in the NASW Code of Ethics

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Nominate an individual for the Citizen of the Year award by submitting the following:

- Completed nomination form (PDF or on-line)
- One-page summary which describes:
 - What the nominee has accomplished
 - What risks the nominee took to achieve results
 - Who the beneficiaries were
- Letter of support
- 3 High Resolution Photos (JPEG)