



ARIZONA PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY MENTAL HEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

The Arizona Psychiatric Society is pleased to announce the establishment of its Mental Health Public Service Award. Award nominations for this award will be accepted on an annual cycle by Arizona Psychiatric Society from its members for the purpose of recognizing a public servant who best exemplifies the following award criteria.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The award recipient will meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Nominee is a public servant who has made a significant contribution to the mental health community, such as ensuring access to quality services for individuals with mental illness in the State of Arizona.
- Nominee has contributed significantly to advocacy work on behalf of consumers, the field of mental health, and the medical profession in the State of Arizona.
- Nominee has played a material role in the delivery of programs or reforms promoting mental health in the State of Arizona.
- Nominee has made material impact to mental health through political action on behalf of psychiatric physicians, their patients, and the community in the State of Arizona.

ELIGIBILITY:

The membership of the Arizona Psychiatric Society will be encouraged to nominate the worthiest of members of the Arizona community to receive this award. The award is intended to honor public service from within and for the State of Arizona.

NOMINATION PROCESS AND NOTIFICATION:

Nominations must be e-mailed by May 2, 2022, and the nomination letter must contain information documenting the candidate's achievements as outlined in the selection criteria above. Only one candidate may be nominated by a member.

The deadline for nomination is May 2, 2022, and winners will be notified prior to the APS Annual Meeting, at which time the award is presented. The member who presented the nomination will be notified as to the award recipient prior to the APS Annual Meeting. The award recipient will be invited to attend the APS Annual Meeting Awards Session for the presentation of the award. In any cycle where a nomination is not presented by the members, this award will not be given. First awarded in 2021, the Mental Health Public Service Award honored the dedicated advocacy and over thirty years of service to psychiatry by attorney and public lobbyist, Joseph F. Abate, Esq.

For the Arizona Psychiatric Society Mental Health Public Service Award, a complete nomination letter should be submitted to:

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