

THE SERC-NAHRO AWARDS PROGRAM

ABOUT THE AWARDS PROGRAM

The **SERC-NAHRO Awards Program** was created to recognize regional members that have provided their time to the SERC-NAHRO organization, the housing agency they serve, their community, and/or an outreach program. It includes recognition of members for achievements, dedication, service to communities within our region, and show cases the dedication to volunteers of the SERC-NAHRO Organization.

The SERC-NAHRO Awards Program consists of eight award categories where candidates are nominated by its organizational members. These awards include the Hall of Fame, Efficient Service Award, the Collaboration Award, Award of Commitment, Community Impact Award, Resident Services Award (a small and a large agency recognized), Development Award (a small and a large agency recognized), and the Advocacy Award (a small and a large agency recognized). All nominations and supporting documentation for these awards will be submitted to SERC Awards Committee Chair. Once the candidate or agency for nomination has been received the nomination and all supporting documentation will be judged and scored to determine the award winners by the Awards Committee.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO BE NOMINATED

Any SERC-NAHRO member or members agency can be nominated for the awards program with a limit of one nomination per agency. The suggested candidate or agency must fall within the scope of the award and provide proof of their achievement for the selection process.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

All nominations must submit an “Awards Submission Form.” In the Submission Narrative section of the form you must detail with a minimum of a 100-word essay with no more than 250 words to describe the individual or individual’s agencies accomplishments, a picture(s), or proof of their accomplishments. All nominations should be submitted to the Awards Committee Chair. The submission must include the submission form, submitters name, address, and housing agency, along with the nominee’s name, title or position, address, housing agency, organization, years of service etc.. The submission deadline is March 3, 2023.

The selection process will begin a few weeks after the submission deadline of March 3, 2023. This process will be completed by the Awards Committee. All submissions will be viewed and scored based on the information and proof provided by the submitter. Once a winner has been determined for each award category the winner will be notified of their achievement award and asked to participate in the SERC-NAHRO Awards ceremony at the annual conference in June. If the winner contacted cannot attend the Awards ceremony, the winner may send a representative on their behalf to accept the award in their place. If you are sending a representative on your behalf, please notify the Awards Committee Chair in advance.

AWARD CATEGORIES

- **HALL OF FAME—(1 award)**
Presented to the person that has committed themselves to the SERC organization for a long period of time. This nominee has committed themselves to years of dedication, commitment, and voluntary work for the betterment of the SERC organization.
- **EFFICIENT SERVICE AWARD —(1 award)**
Awarded to the housing authority that has improved and implemented a new organizational procedure and/or policy to efficiently and effectively service their residents in an extreme cost saving method.
- **COLLABORATION AWARD—(1 award)**
Recognition for achievement to a housing authority for their involvement with a particular organization for the betterment of the housing agency and the residents they provide service for. Must provide detail in writing and demonstrate with pictures these achievements.
- **AWARD OF COMMITMENT—(1 award)**
Recognition of a nominee for their exceptional commitment and accomplishments to the housing industry for at least 25 years or more.
- **COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD—(1 award)**
This would be presented to the housing authority that has made a positive community impact in their location that has provided a better community experience to those they serve. i.e..... An economic development, job creation within the HA, neighborhood initiative's, partnerships with outside agencies to help the resident's they serve.
- **RESIDENT SERVICE AWARD -- (awarded to a small HA & large HA)—(2 awards)**
(*small PHA 250 or less *large PHA 251 or more)
Awarded to the housing authority that provides excellent resident/client service programs such as community projects, educational training, self-sufficiency, youth, social service, elderly, or special needs programs.
- **DEVELOPMENT AWARD -- (awarded to a small HA & large HA)—(2 awards)**
Awarded to the housing authority that has provided specific development plans such as new development and/or new construction that involved energy efficient items, green initiatives, or a major property improvement that are eco-friendly.
- **ADVOCACY AWARD – (awarded to a small HA & large HA) --- (2 awards)**
Awarded to the housing authority that has made advocacy efforts that have made an impact via congressional interaction either on the local, state, or national level.

SUBMISSION and SUBMISSION DEADLINES

All submissions should be emailed to ptldhsgdirector@gmail.com or mailed to Sabrina Woodard-SERC-NAHRO Award Committee Chair, P.O. Box 37, Portland, TN. 37148. For more information call (615)-325-4559 or send an email to; ptldhsgdirector@gmail.com. The submission deadline for all nominations with supporting documentation will be due by March 3, 2023. All documentation must be received by the submission deadline to be considered for nomination. Any and all incomplete submissions will not be considered for judging.

AWARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sabrina Woodard- Tennessee- Committee Chair

Christi Billings- Tennessee

Susan Christophel- Florida

Michael Dineen- North Carolina

Denise Dobbs- Mississippi

Carrie Epting- South Carolina

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