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ARIZONA HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION  
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# Awards PROGRAM

**Deadline for submissions**

**12:00 pm | Friday, May 20, 2022**

## CELEBRATING SERVICE AND DEDICATION

The **Arizona Health Care Association Awards** honor the exemplary service and devotion of long term care leaders, staff, residents and volunteers who demonstrate their commitment to quality daily.

**Nominate and recognize those in your community/organization who deserve an award – please take the time to honor them.**

## Awards CEREMONY

**Monday, July 18, 2022 | 10:00 am  
The Sheraton Phoenix Downtown**

The annual awards ceremony will be held during the opening general session of the AHCA Annual Convention.

Each award winner will receive  
one free registration to the Convention.

If selected to receive an award, three high-def digital  
photos of the recipient will need to be submitted.

**[Click here](#) to fill out the application online.**

If you have any questions,  
call the AHCA office at 602-265-5331 or  
email Krysten Dobson at [kdobson@azhca.org](mailto:kdobson@azhca.org).

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**There is no limit  
to the number of  
nominations!**

## GUIDELINES

### PURPOSE

The AHCA Awards is your opportunity to honor individuals who are the best at what they do and demonstrate commitment to quality care in serving residents, their families and staff. In certain categories, a program team may be submitted to recognize an excellent program.

#### Categories:

- Above & Beyond Service
- Assisted Living Caregiver of the Year
- Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year
- Disaster Preparedness
- Innovative Program & Improvement
- Leadership
- Nurse of the Year
- Business Affiliate of the Year
- Resident of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year

### CRITERIA

All nominees - excluding Volunteer, Innovative Program, Resident, and Disaster Preparedness - must be employed for at least one year at an AHCA member facility in good standing at the time of nomination and must meet the following criteria:

- Contributes to the positive well-being of the residents.
- Demonstrates outstanding person-centered care and helps residents achieve a heightened quality of life.
- Shows initiative and performs above and beyond the call of service.
- Provides comfort to the residents, family members, and other staff.
- Has a positive, outgoing attitude.
- Displays leadership, integrity, and a high standard of ethical behavior.
- Shows respect for residents, co-workers, family members and staff at all times.

### JUDGING AND AWARD PRESENTATION

Winners will be chosen by a panel of judges named by the Arizona Health Care Association and not affiliated with any AHCA member. AHCA reserves the right to not present an award. Awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Ceremony on Monday, July 18, 2022 at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown. The 2022 award winners will each receive one complimentary registration for the 2022 convention. The free registration is non-transferable. If a team is chosen, only one person from the team will receive the free registration.

### SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS & DEADLINE

All nomination forms must be submitted **online** by 12:00pm MST on Friday, May 20, 2022.

For additional information or clarification call Krysten Dobson at (602) 265-5331 or email: [kdobson@azhca.org](mailto:kdobson@azhca.org).

## NOMINATION CATEGORIES

Choose one of the following categories to nominate a staff member, program team, resident or volunteer. Multiple nominations are encouraged, but must be submitted separately.

Applications must be received at the AHCA office no later than **12:00 pm on Friday, May 20, 2022**.

#### ☐ Above & Beyond Service

This award recognizes the achievements and commitment of an employee who has shown initiative, performs above and beyond the call of duty, and improves quality of life for residents.

#### ☐ Assisted Living Caregiver of the Year

#### ☐ Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year

#### ☐ Extraordinary Effort in Disaster Preparedness

Nominate  
a facility

This award recognizes the efforts in responding to an emergency situation or threat of a disaster. Nominations should showcase how the facility team rose to the challenge of caring for the staff and residents in the face of a crisis. That crisis could be, for example, a power outage, a wildfire, an evacuation - any type of emergency situation that impacts available resources and threatens quality of life and personal safety. Community collaboration and a description of the heroes among us should be part of the story of this "best practice" in disaster preparedness.

#### ☐ Innovative Program & Improvement

Nominate  
a facility

This award recognizes an innovative program that improves the quality of life of residents, families or staff. Examples include specific programs related to sustainability, wellness, educational activities, customer service, staff programs, collaborations and community partnerships.

#### ☐ Leadership

This award recognizes the achievements and commitment of an employee in an executive, middle management or supervisory position who demonstrates outstanding compassion, supervisory success, innovation, achievement and a high standard of ethical behavior.

#### ☐ Nurse of the Year

#### ☐ Outstanding Business Affiliate Member of the Year

Nominate  
a business  
affiliate

This award recognizes the achievements and commitments of a business partner/vendor whose contributions have improved overall facility operations for a facility or AHCA as an association. Please visit <https://www.azhca.org/associate-members/a-list-of-eligible-business-affiliate-members>

#### ☐ Resident of the Year

#### ☐ Volunteer of the Year