

2010 SOCIAL WORK AWARDS

NOMINATION FORM

The Westchester Division of the New York State NASW Chapter each year pays tribute to distinguished colleagues who have made important contributions to the field of social work. The nominees must have made significant differences in the lives of those in need of human services. Nominations are needed of individuals who work in **Westchester County** who you deem worthy of recognition. Winners will be honored at the **annual dinner** during Social Work Month, **March 25, 2010**.

A brief, typed narrative explaining how the nominee meets the criteria for the specific award must accompany all forms. Please try to limit your narrative to a maximum of two pages. A resume or biographical sketch of the nominee is required for the first, second & fourth award categories. Include newspaper clippings, articles from publications, additional letters of support, and/or other materials. All nomination materials **MUST BE RECEIVED** by **Tuesday, January 5, 2010** to be eligible.

For further information, call Judy Goldstein, (914) 725-5394.

Mail to: Social Work Awards Committee
NASW NYS - Westchester Division
P.O. Box 150
White Plains, NY 10602

Check award category:

(See reverse page for criteria)

1. Social Worker of the Year* 3. Merit Service for the NASW Westchester Division*
2. Distinguished Service* 4. Public Citizen of the Year

*NASW membership required

(Please print)

Name of nominee _____ Home phone _____

Current position of nominee _____ Work phone _____

Agency name _____ Agency address _____

Nominator's name _____ Home phone _____

Nominator's current position _____ Work phone _____

Agency name _____ Agency address _____

Check list: Completed nomination form Typed narrative focussing on how nominee meets award criteria

Resume/biographical sketch (for categories 1, 2 & 4) Additional support material

► **FINAL DEADLINE for all materials: NO LATER than Tuesday, January 5, 2010.**

Social Work Awards Categories and Criteria

1. **Social Worker of the Year** — honoring an **NASW member** who exemplifies the best of the profession's values and achievements. In honoring the Social Worker of the Year, NASW highlights superb accomplishments in the practice of social work in the nominee's current and recent work. Candidates must:
 - Demonstrate difference in such areas as advocacy for clients, impact on social policy, exceptional practice, program creation, administration development, and/or innovative research.
 - Demonstrate outstanding leadership.
 - Contribute to a positive image for the social work profession.
 - Show they have taken risks to enlist public support for improved social services.
 - Stand out beyond the expectations of his/her job.
2. **Distinguished Service** — recognizing a social worker who throughout his/her professional life, has demonstrated outstanding achievements on behalf of clients and the profession of social work. In honoring the Distinguished Service Award winner, the Division is emphasizing the best social work values and accomplishments as demonstrated in a lifetime career. The nominee must be an **NASW member**, and have:
 - Demonstrated repeated outstanding achievements.
 - Received recognition beyond the social work profession.
 - Made contributions of lasting impact.
3. **Merit Service for the NASW Westchester Division** — recognizing an **NASW member** who has been actively involved in the work of the local Division for at least three years. The nominee must have held a leadership position, and/or supported office activities on behalf of the membership.
4. **Public Citizen of the Year** — honoring an outstanding member of the community who is not a social worker, whose important contributions to the area of human services go beyond the expectations of his/her job or volunteer position. The candidate must have:
 - Demonstrated leadership qualities.
 - Made an important contribution to improve the quality of life in the community.
 - Advocated for or taken risks on behalf of one or more of social work's client groups.
 - Contributed to the amelioration of a pressing social problem.

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