Award Nomination Description   
 Awards given during March 2021 Social Work Appreciation Month



First and foremost we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for membership and more importantly your dedication to SOCIAL WORK!

As you know March is Social Work Month. Since we missed the opportunity to do Annual awards last year and our conference is in April we will be holding a special virtual Social Hour March 23, 6:30PM to honor and recognize talented, dedicated, and strong social workers.

We are accepting nominations for:

Social Worker of the Year

Social Work Student of the Year   
Patrick Tyrrell Mentorship Award

Public Citizen of the Year

All NASW award nominees are expected to:

* Have the highest standards of personal conduct and professional integrity.
* Advance the values, ethics, and knowledge of the profession.
* Support public and social policies that ensure equal rights for all regardless of race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, income, and physical and mental challenges.

Award nominee must be a current NASW-NM member in good standing. Person making nomination does not have to be a current member.

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS EXTENTED TO MARCH 12, 2021**

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|  | **AWARD DESCRIPTIONS AND CRITERIA**  **Current NASW-NM Board members and staff are not eligible.**  **Social Worker of the Year Award** honors a member of the NASW New Mexico Chapter who exemplifies the best of the profession's values and achievements through specific accomplishments. In honoring the Social Worker of the Year, NASW-NM highlights superb accomplishments in the practice of social work.    Criteria: The award recipient must exemplify excellence in any of the following areas:   * Demonstrable difference in areas such as advocacy for clients, social policy, social work practice, program development, administration, research * Demonstrate outstanding leadership * Contribute to a positive image for the social work profession * Take risks achieving outstanding results * Represents the professional ethics of social work as defined in the NASW Code of Ethics * Must not have any substantiated ethical complaints against them |
|  | **Social Work Student of the Year Award** recognizes outstanding BSW or MSW students in areas of scholarship, leadership, and involvement in state social work issues. Nominees must be individuals enrolled in an accredited social work degree program in the state of New Mexico.    Criteria: The award recipient must exemplify excellence in any of the following areas:   * Demonstrated leadership qualities (active member of student organizations) * Contribution to the positive image of a social work program * Commitment to political and community activities * Success in academic performance * Degree to which the student represents the professional ethics of social work as defined in the NASW Code of Ethics * \*If nominated student is not a current member and they are selected for award, the NM Chapter will sponsor their membership for 1 year.  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **Patrick F. Tyrrell Mentorship Award** honors extraordinary social workers who have provided support, encouragement, leadership, and knowledge in their area of practice. Mentors show exemplary commitment to practice, ethics, empathy, and social justice in social work.  Criteria: The award recipient must exemplify leadership and mentoring in social work and must meet these additional criteria:   * Must be a social worker * Must be a NM resident * Must not have any substantiated ethical complaints against them | |

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|  | **Public Citizen of the Year** Award honors an outstanding member of the community whose accomplishments exemplify the values and mission of professional social work. The award recipient is not a social worker.    Criteria:   * The award recipient must make a significant contribution to an area or population of concern to the social work profession such as at-risk or vulnerable populations, quality of life in communities, or social issues * Act with courage * Demonstrate outstanding leadership * Exemplify social work values and ethics |

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

Award Nomination Application   
 Awards will be given during March 2021 Social Work Appreciation Month



Select award you are nominating for:  
**\_\_\_ New Mexico Social Worker of the Year  
\_\_\_ New Mexico Social Work Student of the Year  
\_\_\_ New Mexico Public Citizen of the Year  
\_\_\_ Patrick Tyrrell Mentorship Award**

**NOMINEE INFORMATION:**  
Name:   
Phone:   
City:   
Email:  
Place of Employment:  
Credentials:  
Are they a member in good standing of NASW-NM? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_NO (Call 505-247-2336 ext. 101 to check if you are unsure)  
**If nominating a student:**  
University:  
Class Year: Select one? BSW:\_\_\_ MSW: \_\_\_

**Person making nomination:**   
City:   
Email:   
Phone:

The following nominee questions must be answered for application to be complete (you may include it all together on a separate sheet if you wish):

* **In what capacity have you known the Nominee and for how long?**
* **What specifically makes the candidate unique/exemplary?**
* **In what ways has the candidate demonstrated a positive image of social work?**

**Email completed application to:** [**info.naswnm@socialworkers.org**](mailto:info.naswnm@socialworkers.org)

**NOMINATION DEADLINE- FEBRUARY 24, 2021**