



NASW Nature Coast Unit Social Work Awards Criteria

Criteria for Social Worker of the Year

The award recipient must be a current NASW member in good ethical standing. They cannot currently serve on the unit or state CCNLI Committee. The award recipient must make a demonstrable difference in such areas 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 to achieve outstanding results.

Criteria for Social Work Student of the Year

The award recipient must be a current NASW member in good ethical standing. They must be currently enrolled at a CSWE accredited college or university and be in good academic standing. They cannot currently serve on the unit or state CCNLI Committee. The award recipient must make a demonstrable difference in such areas 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 to achieve outstanding results.

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Criteria for Social Work Educator of the Year

The award recipient must be a current NASW member in good ethical standing. They must be affiliated with a CSWE accredited college or university and be in good standing. They cannot currently serve on the unit or state CCNLI Committee. The award recipient must:

- Make a significant contribution to social work education;
- Demonstrate outstanding leadership;
- Contribute to a positive image for the social work profession;
- Take risks to achieve outstanding results on behalf of social work students or social work education.

Criteria for Public Citizen of the Year

The award recipient must make a significant contribution to an area or population of concern to the social work profession. The recipient does not have to be a social worker but it is preferred. The recipient should make significant contribution such as:

- At-risk or vulnerable populations;
- Quality of life in communities;
- Social issues;
- Act with courage;
- Demonstrate outstanding leadership;
- Exemplify social work values and ethics.

Criteria for Elected Official of The Year

The award recipient must:

- Be an elected official serving, at the time of nomination, in public office at the local, state, or national level;
- Make a significant contribution to public service while in office;
- Demonstrate leadership in advancing public policy in the area of vulnerable populations, civil and human rights, or social welfare;
- Demonstrate leadership on behalf of the protection and advancement of social work practice;
- Exemplify social work values and ethics.

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Nature Coast Specific Unit Award: Criteria for Rising to the Challenge Award

The award recipient(s) must make a significant contribution to their community in need. This person or agency has gone beyond normal expectations to meet their community's needs during times of crisis, unrest, or disasters. The recipient(s) does not have to be a social worker, but it is preferred. The recipient(s) must:

- Have had a positive impact in the community;
- Demonstrated a personal commitment to the benefit of the community;
- Performed an outstanding service of acts of giving to meet the needs of the community;
- The community has benefited from this person's or group's involvement;
- Have had positive and inspiring attributes that serve to encourage others to get involved.

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