

**Nominations for 2020 Social Work Awards**

The Westchester Division of the National Association of Social Workers requests nominations for its Social Worker of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, Champion of Justice, Public Citizen of the Year, and Student of the Year awards for 2020.

Help us to honor individuals who represent the very best in social work practice and fulfill our profession's mission to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty.

Deadline for nominations: Friday, December 20, 2019.

Email completed nominations to: NASW-Westchester Awards Committee [westchester.naswnys@socialworkers.org](mailto:westchester.naswnys@socialworkers.org)

Paper mail to: NASW-Westchester Awards Committee, P.O. Box 1502, White Plains, NY 10602

You may contact Cyndi Carnaghi-Collins, LCSW, at: [cdcarnaghi@gmail.com](mailto:cdcarnaghi@gmail.com) or

at (914) 316-5892 with any questions.

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Please consider the following criteria in making your nomination:

**2020 Social Work Awards Criteria**

**Social Worker of the Yea**r

The Social Worker of the Year recognizes the commitment and achievements of an outstanding member of our profession. Individuals considered for this award must demonstrate exceptional professional qualities that make them stand out beyond the expectations of their job.

Nominees must:

• Be a member in good standing of NASW-NYS;

• Demonstrate leadership qualities of an exceptional nature;

• Effectively integrate experience with education in an outstanding effort to help

people;

• Show a willingness to take risks and advocate for improved human services;

• Contribute to the public’s knowledge and understanding of social work; and

• Exemplify professional social work ethics as defined by the NASW Code of Ethics.

**Lifetime Achievement**

The Lifetime Achievement Award honors a social worker who has devoted his or her career to the social work profession and has been exceptional in their service on behalf of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and/or living in poverty.

In addition to meeting all of the criteria for Social Worker of the Year, nominees must demonstrate:

• Repeated outstanding achievement in the field of social work;

• Outstanding creativity and courage;

• Contributions with a lasting impact; and

• Recognition beyond the social work profession.

**Champion of Justice**

The Champion of Justice Award honors a social worker who has made significant strides working on a prominent social and/or economic justice issue. The individual considered for this award should pursue social change, with and on behalf of vulnerable and oppressed individuals and groups. As part of their efforts, nominees should promote sensitivity to and knowledge about cultural and ethnic diversity while striving to ensure access to needed resources; promoting equality of opportunity; and encouraging meaningful participation in decision making for all people above and beyond the standard commitment.

Nominees must:

• Display a strong and continual commitment to social and/or economic justice;

• Mentor and advocate for and with vulnerable and oppressed individuals and

groups;

• Demonstrate compassion and leadership to eliminate discrimination, oppression, and

injustice;

• Make marked achievements while working towards social and economic justice for

underserved and disadvantaged populations.

**Public Citizen of the Year**

The Public Citizen of the Year Award recognizes a non-social worker who, through business, professional, and/or community activities, best exemplifies the goals and ideals of the social work profession. The individual considered for this award must have made outstanding contributions to health and human services beyond the expectations of their job.

Nominees must:

• Demonstrate leadership and make important contributions to health and human

services;

•  Help improve the quality of life in the community and/or ameliorate a pressing social

problem;

•  Advocate for or take risks on behalf of one or more of social work’s client groups; and

•  Act in concert with the ethics and values of the social work profession.

**Student of the Year**

The Social Work Student of the Year award is presented to a Master- and/or Baccalaureate-level social work student who has demonstrated academic excellence and active pursuit of the values, knowledge, and skills of the social work profession as defined by the *NASW Code of Ethics*.

Nominees must:

• Exhibit academic excellence;

• Demonstrate leadership skills and involvement within the University/College or

greater community setting; and

• Engage in work or volunteer commitments that emphasize a strong desire and

capacity to make a difference in the lives of others, through the use of social work

knowledge, skills and abilities; practice, and advocacy.

Current students as well as those who have graduated within six months of the nomination deadline are eligible for this award.

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Complete the NOMINATION FORM and include supporting documents and resumes.

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Awards will be presented at the NASW-Westchester Celebration of Social Work Awards Dinner, March 26, 2020.



**2020 NASW-Westchester SOCIAL WORK AWARDS**

***NOMINATION FORM***

**Check the award for which your candidate is being nominated:**

□ Social Worker of the Year Award

□ Lifetime Achievement Award

□ Champion of Justice Award

□ Public Citizen of the Year Award

□ Student of the Year Award

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| **Name of Nominee**: | | | |  | | | | | | | **Credential(s):** | | |  | | |
| **Nominee’s Home Address:** | | | | | |  | | | | | | | **Email**: | |  | |
| **Organization/Agency/School:** | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| **Current Position/Title**: | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Work Address:** | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Office Phone:** | |  | | | | | | | **Home/Cell Phone:** | | |  | | | |  |
| **For Student:** | **Date of Graduation:** | | | | | | |  | | **Degree**: □ BSW □ MSW | | | | | | |

**Description of Nominee’s Contributions/Activities:**

Please be sure to describe how the nominee qualifies for the award.

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**Please attach a resume and supporting documents, including letters of support, news articles featuring nominee, certificates, etc.**

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| **Name of Nominator:** | | |  | | | | **Email**: |  |
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| **Office Phone**: |  | | | | | **Home/Cell Phone**: |  | |
| **Relationship to Nominee:** | | | | |  |  |  | |
| **Signature:** | |  | | | | | | |

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