

FAHSA's 2011 Awards Program

Call for Nominations



HONORING EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO OUR ELDERS

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The FAHSA Annual Awards Program honors those who embody excellence in leadership, care, and service innovation, and who are making outstanding contributions to their communities in the field of long-term care, affordable and supportive housing, retirement housing, assisted living or home and community-based services.

Award categories are organized to encourage the following types of nominees:

- Those that exemplify achievement in all areas of aging;
- Those who have served with distinction in their current positions;
- Those that have pioneered an innovation or contributed to furthering social responsibility; and
- Those who focus public attention on the many activities and achievements in FAHSA member communities.

FAHSA's Awards recognize stories about the residents, employees, volunteers, programs, facilities, efforts, initiatives, best practices, and organizations that somebody "ought to" know about. Please take the time to acknowledge an individual, organization, or an entity that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of housing/retirement communities or long-term care for seniors. This is a great way of rewarding and recognizing the people who have contributed to the success of your organization.

A nominee must be a FAHSA member either through a community, firm, aging organization, or membership type. If you have previously submitted a nomination that was not chosen, you may resubmit that nomination this year.

2011 Award Categories

(Only **one** award will be presented in each of the following categories)

The following award categories are listed in alphabetical order.

❖ *Best Practice Award (Innovation Exchange):*

This award will be presented to an individual or group of individuals from a FAHSA member community that has developed a best practice that showcases excellence, innovation, and creative ideas at work.

❖ *Caregiver of the Year Award:*

This award is presented to a health caregiver (CNA, LPN, RN, ARNP) who has demonstrated compassion and extraordinary caregiving skills that improve the quality of life for residents.

❖ *Distinguished Service Award:*

This is **FAHSA's most prestigious award** and is presented to an association member or an individual who has made an outstanding contribution on behalf of elders at the state level. The award will only be presented if the FAHSA Awards Committee determines that extraordinary service has been rendered.

❖ ***Employee of the Year Award:***

This award category is open to all FAHSA members with the exception of a direct caregiver. The nominee must demonstrate:

- Extraordinary dedication;
- Customer service;
- Outstanding performance; and
- Enhancement of the quality of life for residents of a member community.

❖ ***Executive of the Year Award:***

This award is presented to the CEO, Executive Director, Administrator, or Manager of a member community who demonstrates:

- The highest qualities of leadership;
- Willingness to mentor others; and
- Innovation and significant contribution to the work of FAHSA.

❖ ***Legislator of the Year Award:***

This award is presented to a public official who has made an outstanding contribution in the area of public policy development which benefits retirement housing and nursing home communities at the state level.

❖ ***Outstanding Advocacy Award:***

This award will be presented to an individual or organization for advocating for aging services at the local, state, or national level and demonstrating:

- Advocacy and encouraging others to advocate on aging-services issues with local, state or national policy makers and/or the media;
- Support and information on strategies that individuals can use to advocate for aging issues; and
- Organization of other persons or groups to advocate for positive change.

❖ ***Public Servant Award:***

This award is presented to a public employee (state/federal) who has demonstrated extraordinary service and commitment to FAHSA members.

❖ ***Quality First Award:***

This award is open to all FAHSA member communities/organizations who signed the AAHSA Quality First Covenant. The award recognizes a commitment to exceptional care, services, systems and/or practices as outlined in AAHSA's "10 Elements of Quality." The nomination will be based on: Governance Accountability; Leading-Edge Care and Services; Continuous Quality Improvement; Human Resources Development; Consumer-Friendly Information; Consumer Participation; Research Findings and Education; and Public Trust and Consumer Confidence.

❖ ***Resident Council Award:***

This award is presented to a resident council that has contributed exemplary time and effort to the community through a high degree of dedicated services to its residents and a commitment to improving the quality of life of others through volunteer programs. The resident council shall have:

- A mission statement;
- Written bylaws which provide for adequate and appropriate representation for all levels of resident life with openness and inclusion of the full resident body in major decisions and events;
- Demonstrated reasonable turnover in leadership; and
- Demonstrated the ability to effectively work with administration and residents.

❖ ***Service Coordinator Award: (to be presented in September, 2011)***

This award recognizes a Service Coordinator who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to residents through:

- Innovative programming and supportive services;
- Creative problem-solving; and
- Genuine concern for each resident's well-being.

❖ ***Trustee of the Year Award:***

This award is presented to a volunteer who has served with distinction on the board of a FAHSA member home and has demonstrated a significant contribution of time and effort to the betterment of a not-for-profit community and its residents.

❖ ***Volunteer of the Year Award:***

This award is open to residents and nonresidents and is a very special award for an individual who has:

- Performed significant voluntary service to a FAHSA-member community; and
- Demonstrated extraordinary dedication and commitment to preserving the dignity, well-being, and independence of residents.

Award winners will be chosen based on:

- The scope of service (contributions to retirement housing/health care field);
- Number of years employed in current position or profession, if applicable;
- Number of years of volunteer service; and
- Any significant outcome (intergenerational, physical, social, spiritual and intellectual).

Nomination Process

Please attach the completed nomination form along with a brief statement indicating why this person/group should be chosen, a list of specific examples of significant service, and up to three letters of recommendation. Please be creative with your nominations (if time permits) (*Note: Please do not send slides, videocassettes, audiocassettes or other similar materials with your nomination. They will not be sent through the awards process and FAHSA cannot guarantee the material will be returned to you.*)

Awards Presentations

Many of the awards will be presented during FAHSA's 49th Annual Convention and Exposition, the week of July 24, 2011, at the J.W. Marriott Grande Lakes in Orlando. Others will be presented at a time more appropriate to the award (i.e., FAHSA's Legislative & Regulatory Workshop, FAHSA's Affordable Housing Conference, or other similar event).

FAHSA 2011 Award Nomination Form

Submission date: _____ Nomination submitted by: _____

I/We nominate the following person/group for consideration as a recipient of the following award:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Practice Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Caregiver of the Year Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Service Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee of the Year Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Executive of the Year Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislator of the Year Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Advocacy Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Servant Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality First Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Resident Council Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service Coordinator Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee of the Year Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer of the Year Award | |

Nominee Information

Nominee: _____

Position: _____

Affiliation/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone/Fax/Email: _____

Individual/Organization Submitting Nomination: _____

Phone/Email: _____

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Send your nomination(s) by email or fax to Beverly Gregory, bgregory@fahsa.org.

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