

FAHSA's 2009 Awards Program

Call for Nominations



HONORING EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO OUR ELDERS

Deadline for Submission: June 3, 2009

About FAHSA's Awards

The FAHSA Annual Awards honor 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, retirement housing or home and community-based services. Award categories are organized to encourage nominations that exemplify achievement in all areas of aging; who have served with distinction in their current positions; that have pioneered an innovation or contributed to furthering social responsibility; and who focus public attention on the many activities and achievements in FAHSA member communities.

Please take time to acknowledge an individual, organization, or an entity that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of housing/retirement communities/or health 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.

Award Categories

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

❖ ***Best Practice Award (Innovation Exchange): (This is a new award category)***

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, 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 enhance 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 contributions to the work of FAHSA.

❖ ***Legislator of the Year Award:***

This award is presented when the Awards Committee determines that a public official 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 that demonstrates:

- Advocacy and those who actively encouraged 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.
- 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, 2009)***

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

- Innovative programming;
- Creative problem-solving; and a genuine concern for each resident's well-being.

❖ ***Trustee of the Year Award:***

This award is presented to a voluntary leader 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 to be presented to an individual who has:

- Performed significant voluntary service to a FAHSA-member community; and
- Demonstrated extraordinary dedication and commitment to preserving:
 - Dignity;
 - Well-being; and
 - Independence of residents.

The FAHSA Professional Development Committee's decisions will be 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 complete the enclosed nomination form and include:

- A separate sheet of paper briefly indicating why you feel this person/group should be considered and a list of specific examples of significant service; and
- Letters of recommendation are considered, but do not submit more than three letters.

(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

The awards will be presented during FAHSA's Annual Convention, the week of July 6-10, 2009, at the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando; however, some awards may be presented at a time more appropriate to the occasion (i.e., FAHSA's Legislative & Regulatory Workshop, FAHSA's HUD Elderly Housing Workshop, or other similar event).

What Expenses Are Covered for the Winners?

If your nominee is selected as an award recipient, FAHSA will provide complimentary meal tickets during the awards presentation (one for the individual winner and one for his/her guest.) Additional meal tickets may be purchased from FAHSA. FAHSA does not pay for transportation or overnight accommodations. In the event FAHSA's most prestigious award (FAHSA's Distinguished Service Award) is presented, this award winner will be entitled to one complimentary room night and two meal tickets.

2009 FAHSA 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: _____

Please attach the completed nomination form along with why this person/group should be nominated and reference letters or letters of recommendation. Please be creative with your nominations (if time permits). Send your nomination(s) by Email or fax to:

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