

AMERICA'S SERVICE COMMISSIONS

2021 ASC Innovation & Leadership Awards Nomination Form

Introduction

America's Service Commissions (ASC) invites ASC members to nominate an outstanding individual or program for the 2021 ASC Innovation & Leadership Awards. Award nominees are individuals and programs who demonstrate commitment to national service and volunteering at the state level.

Completed nomination forms are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, June 25, 2021.

To submit multiple nominations, please complete the survey multiple times. For a printable copy of the nomination form, please download a PDF copy for your reference and planning prior to submitting the online form. All nominations must be received online via this form.

Eligibility Requirement: You must be a current member of ASC to submit a nomination; ineligible nominations will be disqualified. To become a member of ASC, visit our website and sign up online: <https://www.statecommissions.org/membership>.

Nomination categories include:

- Outstanding Commissioner
- Outstanding Commission Staff Member
- Outstanding Commission Executive Director
- Outstanding Service Program
- Outstanding Service Program Staff Member

Not sure who to nominate? Look around and you will see great co-workers, commissioners, colleagues, and programs in your office, community and state. Previous finalists and nominees can be re-nominated for consideration. To see a list of past winners visit:

<http://www.statecommissions.org/annual-reception-awards>

Incomplete nominations will not be considered. The review committee reserves the right to not issue an award in every category.

This year, ASC will pay tribute to the winners at our Virtual Awards Ceremony to be scheduled in mid-to-late September 2021 (exact date TBD). Winners will be notified in advance of their selection in August to make arrangements for them to accept the award virtually.

Please contact us at info@statecommissions.org if you need technical assistance or have difficulty completing the nomination form.

* 1. Please confirm you are a current ASC member to proceed: (to become a member of ASC, visit our website to sign up online: <https://www.statecommissions.org/membership>)

Yes, I am a current ASC member (at the individual or organizational level).

No, I am not a current ASC member.

* 2. Please confirm if your nominee is available in August and comfortable with providing video remarks to accept the award virtually, if selected?

Yes, the nominee will be available and able to provide video remarks to accept the award virtually (videos will be due in August).

No, the nominee may NOT be available and/or able to provide video remarks to accept the award virtually (videos due in August).

Nominator Information

* 3. This nomination form was completed by:

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Organization:	<input type="text"/>
Title:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>
City/Town:	<input type="text"/>
State/Territory:	<input type="text"/>
ZIP:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>

* 4. Who are you nominating?

Name (if an individual):	<input type="text"/>
Organization:	<input type="text"/>
Title (if applicable):	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>
City/Town:	<input type="text"/>
State/Territory:	<input type="text"/>
ZIP:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>

5. Please select the award category you are nominating for:

- Outstanding Commissioner
- Outstanding Commission Staff Member
- Outstanding Commission Executive Director
- Outstanding Service Program
- Outstanding Service Program Staff Member

Outstanding Commissioner of the Year

In your national service involvement, you have most likely encountered an individual who has taken his or her service as a commissioner to the highest level. This award honors a commissioner who has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the mission of the state service commission he/she serves. Individuals nominated in this category have gone above and beyond the expectations of their role and have been instrumental in shaping policy and direction. Nominees must be either a current commissioner or a commissioner whose term ended within the past year.

* 6. Please provide brief, current biographical information about the Nominee, including background and length of service roles.

* 7. Describe key work this person has performed on a regional and/or national level related to the work of the state service commission and/or how the nominee has lifted up the role of national service and volunteering in your state.

* 8. Describe examples of how this individual has been a champion for the mission of the state service commission.

* 9. Please provide quantitative data by citing the number of policies proposed and implemented as a result of the Nominee's direction, the number of initiatives spearheaded or implemented, committees chaired, funds raised, partnerships developed, etc., that shows what the Nominee's service has accomplished.

* 10. Please provide qualitative information such as good stories, quotes from people affected, and other demonstrations of leadership that cannot be easily measured. If the nominee assisted in any way with COVID-19 relief and recovery efforts in 2021, please include details here.

Outstanding Commission Staff Member of the Year

When it comes to solving community problems, individuals really make things happen. This award is reserved for an individual state service commission staff member who demonstrates leadership and implements innovative strategies to get things done. Individuals nominated for this award provide consistent service to programs and collaborate to realize success. Any commission staff member is eligible to be nominated for this award, with the exception of commission executive directors.

* 11. Please provide brief, current biographical information about the Nominee.

* 12. Describe examples of how the Nominee has collaborated with peers at the state service commission and external partners.

* 13. Describe examples of innovative strategies the Nominee has employed at the state service commission.

* 14. Describe examples of the Nominee's leadership at the state service commission.

* 15. Please provide qualitative information such as good stories, quotes from people served, and other action that cannot be easily measured. If the nominee assisted in any way with COVID-19 relief and recovery efforts in 2021, please include details here.

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Outstanding Executive Director of the Year

This award is reserved for an individual state service commission executive director who demonstrates leadership and implements innovative strategies to get things done. Individuals nominated for this award provide consistent service to programs and collaborate to realize success.

* 16. Please provide brief, current biographical information about the Nominee, including background and length of service roles.

* 17. Describe examples of how the Nominee has collaborated with peers at the state service commission and external partners.

* 18. Describe examples of innovative strategies the Nominee has employed at the state service commission.

* 19. Describe examples of the Nominee's leadership at the state service commission.

* 20. Please provide qualitative information such as good stories, quotes from people served, and other action that cannot be easily measured. If the nominee assisted in any way with COVID-19 relief and recovery efforts in 2021, please include details here.

Outstanding Service Program Award

Service programs commit themselves to making a difference in the communities they serve. These include programs and collaborations such as AmeriCorps State/National, AmeriCorps VISTA, Senior Corps (including Senior Companions, Foster Grandparents, and RSVP), Mentoring programs, Volunteer Generation Fund programs/sites, Volunteer Centers, and others using service as a core strategy to solve their communities' most pressing needs. The nominee in this category performs meaningful service, achieves outcomes, and has a strong record of compliance. They demonstrate a lasting impact on the members, community or state through innovative strategies.

* 21. Please provide a brief overview of the nominated organization/program.

* 22. Describe the service the Nominee performs to address a compelling community need.

* 23. Describe examples of unique or exceptional partnerships, cross-national service partnerships and/or connections the Nominee has initiated.

* 24. Please provide quantitative data by citing number of people served, etc., that shows what the Nominee accomplished and the role national service members played.

* 25. Please provide qualitative information such as good stories, quotes from people served, and other demonstrations of the Nominee's service that cannot be easily measured. If the nominee assisted in any way with COVID-19 relief and recovery efforts in 2021, please include details here.

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Outstanding Service Program Staff Member of the Year

Those of us working in the field of national and the community service know that operating a service program is no small feat. It takes a tremendous amount of time, effort, patience, perseverance, managerial skill, long-term vision, and a willingness to engage in continuous learning and improvement to keep programs operating successfully and compliantly year after year. This award category is reserved for an individual service program staff member who has demonstrated consistent leadership and dedication to get things done through service. Individuals nominated for this award must be employed by a service program such as an AmeriCorps State/National, AmeriCorps VISTA, Senior Corps (Senior Companions, Foster Grandparents, or RSVP), Mentoring, or Volunteer Generation Fund program, Volunteer Center, or a similar program model using service as a core strategy to solve community needs.

* 26. Please provide brief, current biographical information about the Nominee.

* 27. Describe examples of how the Nominee has demonstrated outstanding dedication to the service program through an investment of time, effort, patience, perseverance, and managerial skill.

* 28. Describe examples of innovative strategies the Nominee has employed at the service program.

* 29. Describe examples of the Nominee's leadership and willingness to engage in continuous learning and improvement to keep the service program operating successfully and compliantly year after year.

* 30. Please provide qualitative information such as good stories, quotes from people served, and other action that cannot be easily measured. If the nominee assisted in any way with COVID-19 relief and recovery efforts in 2021, please include details here.

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Submit Your Nomination Below

We appreciate you taking the time to nominate an individual and/or program for the ASC Innovation & Leadership Awards! Please click on the 'Submit' button below to finish submitting your nomination.

Winners will be notified in advance of their selection in August in the hopes they can provide video remarks to accept the award at our virtual awards ceremony in mid/late September 2021 (exact date to be announced, depending on AmeriCorps State/National Symposium event dates).

We will contact you if we have any questions regarding your nomination or need additional information. If you have questions regarding the awards or nomination process, please contact Emily Steinberg at esteinberg@statecommissions.org or (512) 961-1702.