

NASW FOUNDATION *Awards Program*

KNEE/WITTMAN HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Knee/Wittman Awards are given to recognize individuals or groups who are models of excellence and have made significant contributions in the field of health and mental health. The Knee/Wittman Award Program was established to recognize those who represent the values, ethics and approaches exemplified by two dedicated social work pioneers, Ruth Knee and Milton Wittman. The Knee/Wittman Awards are non-monetary awards recognizing outstanding achievements.

Knee and Wittman (1915-1994) guided the development of social policy and standards. Their lifelong commitments to social values and the effective provision of services to those who are disadvantaged are reflected in their careers with the Public Health Service and in their leadership roles with professional social work, public health, and mental health organizations.

The **Lifetime Achievement Award** is presented to a professional social worker who has made exemplary contributions in *health and/or mental health practice*. Professional social work practice includes direct or clinical social work; social work education; social work research and administration related to health or mental health problems, issues or programs.

The **Outstanding Achievement Award** is presented to an individual or group that has made a significant impact on national *health and/or mental health public policy, professional standards, or program models*. This award is not limited to social work.

For a complete list of previous award recipients, please visit www.naswfoundation.org/awards/default.htm

Lifetime Achievement Award Guidelines

The **Knee/Wittman Lifetime Achievement Award** recognizes a professional social worker who, over the course of his/her career, has made an exemplary contribution to *health/mental health practice*. Professional social work practice includes direct or clinical social work, social work education, research, consultation, planning and administration in medical, psychiatric, community mental health, or public health settings. Health/mental health practice includes direct influence on health/mental health problems, issues, populations, or settings. *Lifetime career means a person who has spent at least twenty-five (25) years in the field whether currently active or retired.*

Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination Requirements

Summarize the nominee's accomplishments by using the criteria listed below. NASW chapters, individuals, and social welfare organizations may nominate an individual for the Lifetime Achievement Award by submitting five (5) copies of the following:

- Completed nomination form
- Description of specifics of nominee's lifetime achievement (at least twenty five years of experience in the social work profession) as it relates to the field of health/mental health
- The personal and professional attributes that uniquely characterize the social work career of the nominee
- Statement about how has the nominee's work improved the delivery of health/mental health services and their impact on individuals, families, groups, and/or communities
- Evidence of leadership, policy development, consultation, research, teaching, administration, clinical practice, or public health/community mental health programs
- Three additional endorsements with support letters
- List nominee's awards, honors, or other special recognition
- Additional information or comments

Nominations are considered for two consecutive years. NASW national staff, current members of the NASW Board of Directors, and members of the Award Committee are ineligible.

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Outstanding Achievement Award Guidelines

The Knee/Wittman Outstanding Achievement Award recognizes an individual or group that has had a significant impact on national *health and/or mental health public policy, professional standards, or exemplary program models*. The contribution may be in the development, interpretation, implementation, institutionalization, or expansion of health or mental health policy or legislation. Such achievement should be reflected in positive improvements in the social work profession and in the services provided to clients (individuals, families, communities, or institutions). This award includes but is not limited to social workers.

Outstanding Achievement Award Nomination Requirements

Summarize the nominee's accomplishments by using the criteria listed below. NASW chapters, individuals, and social welfare organizations may nominate an individual for the Outstanding Achievement Award by submitting five (5) copies of the following:

- Completed nomination form
- Description of specifics of nominee's achievement as it relates to the field of health/mental health policy: including its extent and national impact
- The professional or programmatic attributes which uniquely characterize the nominee
- Statement about how the policy innovation or refinement improved the delivery of health/mental health services for individuals, families, groups, and/or communities
- Evidence of legislation, regulations, research, teaching, administration, clinical standards, or public health/community mental health programs
- Three additional endorsements with support letters
- List of significant special recognition, awards, or honors which the nominee has received for this or other policy achievements
- Additional information or comments

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KNEE/WITTMAN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE:

RECOMMENDED BY:

Name/Title

Name/Title

Employer

Employer/Chapter

Address (Employer)

Address (Employer)

City, State, Zip

City, State, Zip

Address (Home)

Address (Home)

City, State, Zip

City, State, Zip

Business Phone/Fax

Business Phone/Fax

Home Phone

Home Phone

E-mail

E-mail

The deadline for submitting a complete nomination package is April 17, 2009, 5 p.m. EST. Late nominations will not be accepted.

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KNEE/WITTMAN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE:

RECOMMENDED BY:

Name/Title

Name/Title

Employer

Employer/Chapter

Address (Employer)

Address (Employer)

City, State, Zip

City, State, Zip

Address (Home)

Address (Home)

City, State, Zip

City, State, Zip

Business Phone/Fax

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