



We honor those who are steadfast in their pursuit of professional excellence and commitment to the values of social work. The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest and most recognized membership organization of professional social workers in the world. Representing 155,000 members from 56 chapters in the United States and abroad, the association promotes, develops and protects the practice of social work and social workers. Virginia Chapter represents more than 3,200 professional social workers.

NOMINATE NOW FOR THE
2010 NASW-VIRGINIA CHAPTER ANNUAL AWARDS!
Recognize Your Fellow Social Workers and a Local Citizen

It's time again to take pause to recognize and honor your fellow Virginia Chapter members, student members and a local citizen who have made outstanding contributions to the profession or the community. The awards, which will be presented at NASW-Virginia's Annual Social Work Month conference to be held in March, include Social Worker of the Year, MSW and BSW Social Work Students of the Year, the Social Work Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Public Citizen Award. Please note that, with the exception of the Public Citizen Award, nominees must be a current member in good standing with the NASW-Virginia Chapter. Don't miss this opportunity to say thanks and lift up colleagues who have done much for the profession and their communities!

Criteria for these awards include:

- Nominees for the **2010 Social Worker of the Year Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, and Social Work Students (BSW & MSW) of the Year Awards**, must have made significant and outstanding contributions to the profession of social work, displayed leadership in the profession, earned the respect of fellow social workers and represented well the professional ethics of social work. **Lifetime Achievement Award nominees** should, additionally, be individuals who have a significant span of achievement over his/her career that distinguishes them and a long legacy of commitment to the profession.

- Nominees for the 2010 **Virginia Citizen of the Year** cannot be members of the social work profession. Individuals nominated must have made specific outstanding contributions to the human services field and have personally represented ethics compatible with those defined in the NASW Code of Ethics.

Please use the nomination form provided to submit your nomination (s) or contact the Member Services Coordinator at NASW-VA for more information. We will also be placing this information and nomination form on our website at naswva@naswva.com. Please include a statement of 350 words or less telling us why you believe your nominee deserves the award and those contributions the individual has made that make him or her unique; attach additional sheets to the form if necessary. **Please also be sure to include a current resume for your nominee. Finally, 2 reference letters must accompany the application. Deadline for submission of nominations is Friday, February 12, 2010!!!**

