

November 30, 2010

Dear Colleague:

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Department of Social Work Scholarship Gala Committee is seeking nominations for Community Commitment Awards in the following categories to be presented at the annual Scholarship Gala, Saturday, April 9, 2011: ***Humanitarian Award, Social Worker of the Year Award and Outstanding Agency/Organization Award***. These awards honor individuals and agencies/organizations in the areas of achievement, leadership, and service and who exemplify the best of the profession's values and mission and characterize the ideals of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Department of Social Work. We encourage agencies/organizations to share this information about the Community Commitment Awards with employees and include it in their newsletters.

Nominations are due by January 3, 2011. Recipients of the awards and nominators will be notified by the Scholarship Gala Committee prior to the event. To ensure candidates eligibility, please adhere to the nomination guidelines.

*The Humanitarian Award honors an individual whose lifetime achievement(s) best exemplifies the values and mission of the Social Work profession. Humanitarian Award recipients are *not* social workers.

Nominees for the ***Humanitarian Award*** must—

- be an upstanding moral person who represents integrity, excellence and dignity
- have made a significant contribution to humanity/society through volunteerism
- demonstrate leadership through coaching, mentoring, modeling, networking, advocacy, etc.
- demonstrate benevolent humanitarian service to the community at large
- have contributed to society through service, works or deeds
- demonstrate a caring spirit in all aspects of her/his life
- demonstrate a life of service to a particular population or cause
- demonstrate dedication to the improvement of society

*The Social Worker of the Year Award honors a member of the Social Work profession who best exemplifies adherence to the values and mission of the profession and achievement through specific accomplishments.

Nominees for the ***Social Worker of the Year Award*** must—

- be an upstanding moral person who represents integrity, excellence and dignity
- have been a Social Worker for a minimum of ten (10) years
- be licensed as an LSW or LCSW

- demonstrate dedication to Social Work values and ethics
- demonstrate Social Work values in all aspects of her/his life
- demonstrates outstanding leadership
- have made a significant contribution to the Social Work profession
- have made a significant contribution to the Southern Illinois Region through outstanding achievement or accomplishment in one or more of the following areas—
 1. Advocacy for clients
 2. Social Work practice
 3. Research
 4. Program/area development
 5. Social policy
 6. Political action
 7. Administration

*The Outstanding Agency/Organization Award recognizes an outstanding social service agency/organization whose contributions and commitment to community service best exemplifies social work values and ethics as demonstrated through programs and initiatives responsive to community and social needs.

Nominees for the ***Outstanding Agency/Organization Award*** must—

- be an upstanding agency/organization representing integrity, excellence, dignity and humanitarian principles
- have a solid mission statement demonstrated through advocacy, action and/or service
- be an agency/organization that provides some type of social service to the community
- be an agency/organization that employs social workers
- be an agency/organization that is friendly toward social workers and the social work community
- be an agency/organization that has advanced the profession of social work through advocacy, action and/or service
- be a referral source for social workers
- support ongoing, continuing education for social workers
- demonstrate strong social work advocacy
- demonstrate benevolence in giving back to the community

Award recipients will be honored at the annual Scholarship Gala, Saturday, March 20, 2010, at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in the Meridian Ballroom.

If you have questions or need further information regarding nominations or this event, please contact me at 618-650-2620 or Judy Zimmerman at 618-650-5429.

Sincerely,

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 Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Department of Social Work, Scholarship Gala Committee
 Chair

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Please check the award for which the candidate is being nominated and provide detailed information that meets the aforementioned criteria:

- *Humanitarian Award*
- *Social Worker of the Year Award*
- *Outstanding Agency/Organization Award*

Nominee: _____

Current Position: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Home or Business Address: _____

Nominator: _____

Current Position: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Home or Business Address: _____

Description of Nominee's Achievements, Contributions, and/or Activities: Attach additional page if needed and other information (i.e., resume, letters of support, history of volunteer work, or news articles featuring the nominee).

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Deadline for Nominations: January 3, 2011

Mail Nomination Forms and supporting documents to:

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Department of Social Work

Attn: Judy Zimmerman, Department Secretary

Campus Box 1450 Edwardsville, Illinois 62026-1450 or Fax Judy Zimmerman at 618-650-3509