

**Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Department of Social Work**

Outstanding Agency/Organization Award

The Outstanding Agency/Organization Award shall be awarded annually at the Scholarship Gala recognizing 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

*Nominations for the Outstanding Agency/Organization Award will be accepted from April through December. Previous recipients are not eligible for consideration for this award. Names of nominees for the Outstanding Agency/Organization Award may be submitted to the Scholarship Gala Committee by members of the community, professional community, SIUE Social Work faculty/staff and members of the Scholarship Gala Committee. The Scholarship Gala Committee selects and approves (by majority vote) the award recipient for the ***Outstanding Agency/Organization Award***. The award recipient and nominator will receive notification of the selection prior to the annual Scholarship Gala.