

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

***Social Worker of the Year Award***

The Social Worker of the Year Award shall be awarded annually at the Scholarship Gala honoring 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
- demonstrate 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

\*Nominations for the Social Worker of the Year Award will be accepted from April through December. Previous recipients and current faculty members/staff (and family members) of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Department of Social Work and Scholarship Gala Committee members (and family members) are not eligible for consideration for this award. Names of nominees for the Social Worker of the Year 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 ***Social Worker of the Year Award***. The award recipient and nominator will receive notification of the selection prior to the annual Scholarship Gala.