

TAAO Up & Coming Achievement Award



TAAO would like to recognize those members who contribute and make a difference in our association, but may not have been involved as long as some of the more tenured members. These “up and coming” members certainly deserve to be recognized for their dedication and hard work.

Our goal in creating the Up & Coming Award is to inspire members to get involved, be recognized for their service and commitment, and provide an opportunity for them to achieve a higher level of service to the association.

Who is eligible to be nominated?

Any member of TAAO who is currently classified as ACTIVE and in good standing is eligible. They must be serving, or have served, on a local chapter board and have served, or are currently serving, on a local or state TAAO committee. The candidate must have a minimum of 3 years service on a state committee. The ideal candidate is expected to be energetic, promote an attitude of service, and project a sense of pride in the association. This member must also demonstrate sound judgment and character, promote professionalism, and display leadership qualities. Current award committee members are not eligible for nomination.

What are the evaluation/selection criteria?

1. Support- 25%
2. Leadership- 25%
3. Innovation- 25%
4. Accomplishment- 25%

Support: includes, but not limited to, voluntary efforts to the local and state associations

Leadership: includes, but not limited to, activities where candidate has displayed leadership qualities; encouraging others to serve; efforts to promote professionalism within the chapter and state association

Innovation: includes, but not limited to, factors such as improving existing processes; bringing new ideas for chapter meetings; anything that challenges conventional procedures

Accomplishment: includes, but not limited to, the ability to see projects through to the end; meeting goals; other efforts of success

What are the selection procedures?

Following the determination of eligibility, the committee will review the nominations based on the criteria approved by the TAAO Executive Board and make recommendations to the Chair. The Chair will select the award winner(s). The winner(s) will be announced at the Awards Lunch at the TAAO Annual Conference.

Who may submit an application?

Committee members from local chapters will nominate their candidate.

What is the deadline for nominations?

The nomination packet must be mailed or emailed for **receipt by midnight on July 1, 2018**.

What information must the nomination package include?

- Completed application
- (1) letter of recommendation
- High resolution photo of candidate emailed to cherry@taao.org

Where are nominations to be sent?

Mail or email a copy of the application and letter of recommendation to **TAAO, 2028 E. Ben White, Suite 305, Austin, TX 78741**. Complete applications received by the deadline will be forwarded to all committee members for evaluation.

2017 Committee Chair

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2017 Committee Members

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Nomination Application

The Up and Coming Award recognizes a member of TAAO who consistently performs at an exceptional level. The ideal candidate is energetic, displays an attitude of service, and projects a sense of pride in the association. A minimum of 3 years service to the local chapter and state committees is required.

General Information

Nominating Chapter:	
Chapter President:	
Name of Person Completing Form:	
Phone:	Email:

Signature of Chapter's Nominating Committee Chair

Date

Nominee Background Information

Nominee Name:	Job Title:	
Employer:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	
Immediate Supervisor:	Title:	
Mailing Address (if different from above):		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	

Education

High School Name:	City:	State:
College Name:	City:	State:
Degree (s):	Major:	

Professional Certifications /Designations (i.e. Registered Professional Appraiser, Registered Texas Assessor/Collector, Certified Tax Administrator, CAE, MAI, etc.)

Local Chapter Information

Please record the number of years the nominee has served in the following categories.			
Current Position	Tax Profession	Current TAAO Chapter	Previous TAAO Chapter(s): (combine time)

Please list all leadership roles held in TAAO at the local level.	
Time Period	Position

Please list all committees served on in TAAO at the local level.		
Time Period	Committee	Position

State Committee Information

Please list all committees served on in TAAO at the state level.

Time Period	Committee	Position

Accomplishments & Goals

List the nominee's accomplishments in the property tax field.

Please list nominee's goals for future.

List steps that have been taken to accomplish those goals.

Explain why the nominee was chosen as the most outstanding candidate from your chapter.