AWARD PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Water For People Kenneth J. Miller Founders' Award recognizes Water For People committee volunteers for their outstanding service and leadership in the advancements of the Water For People Mission.

BACKGROUND

Water for People is the charity organization adopted by the AZ Water Association as its main humanitarian effort. This award honors the untiring efforts of Kenneth J. Miller to help people of the world through Water for People. AZ Water has been recognizing its most committed volunteers with the Kenneth J. Miller Founders' Award since 2002.

Kenneth J. Miller is one of the founders of Water For People and its first president. Ken has been a volunteer leader in AWWA and its related organizations for more than 40 years. He has held every office in the AWWA – Rocky Mountain Section and is one of its prestigious Fuller Awardees. His AWWA honors include Honorary Membership, the Diven Medal for Outstanding Service to AWWA, and the Abel Wolman Award of Excellence. Ken is the only individual to serve as the chief elected office of AWWA, the AWWA Research Foundation, and Water For People.

Now retired, Ken was a senior vice president and director of CH2M HILL. Previously he served with Denver Water and the Denver Health Department. Although his entire career was dedicated to public water service, he made time for volunteer work in the Denver Chamber of Commerce, Colorado University, and the Community College of Denver; the National Academy of Science Assembly of Engineers; the American Chemical Society; Christ Congregational Church; the Water Environment Federation; and numerous other social, civic, and educational organizations. He is an unsurpassed model for those who would aspire to contribute to their community, to their professional societies, their country and the needy of the world. That is why Water For People named the Founders’ Award after Kenneth J. Miller – in the hope of inspiring others to emulate his example of self-sacrificing volunteer service.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The selection committee for this award shall consist of at least three past KJM award recipients from the Water For People committee. The selection committee may include the Water For People committee chair who will serve as the award committee chair, the organization chair, and the international director. The award committee shall select a recipient
from the list of candidates. Each year the committee shall determine if any candidates have helped advance the mission of Water for People over and above those efforts normally expected. It is emphasized that the performance of the award recipient must be exceptional and extraordinary. The selection of the award recipient shall require the vote of the committee to be unanimous. Otherwise no selection shall be made. One award may be given out per year.

**GENERAL CRITERIA**

A person who has provided exemplary service to Water For People through project facilitation, fund raising, education and/or raising the awareness as a part of the Water for People committee.

**NOMINATION PROCESS**

Anyone may nominate an individual by submitting an official nomination form detailing the basis upon which the recommendation is made. The statement shall include a summary of the candidate’s service with Water for People.

In order to enter a nominee, complete all fields of the Kenneth J. Miller Founders’ Award Entry Form on the Awards Program Committee webpage. In addition, upload scanned copies or electronic files of additional supporting biographical documentation about the nominee.

**ENTRY FORMS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE ONLY**

**AWARD PRESENTATION**

The award style is a personalized plaque and a bronze pin. The pin will be presented at the AZ Water Association Annual Conference. All plaques will be presented at a special event in conjunction with the AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition in June, or WEFTEC in October.