



## 2018 Awards Program

# Call for Nominations

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HONORING EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO OUR ELDERS

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The LeadingAge Florida Annual Awards Program acknowledges the great work residents, employees, volunteers and member communities on behalf of seniors in our state. The program highlights initiatives, best practices, individuals and organizations that exemplify excellence in serving elders through leadership, care, service innovation and outstanding contributions to their communities in the fields of long-term care; affordable and supportive housing; retirement housing; and assisted living or home and community-based services.

The following types of characteristics should be considered when submitting a nomination:

- Those who exemplify achievement in all areas of aging services;
- Those who have served with distinction in their current positions;
- Those who have pioneered innovation or contributed to furthering social responsibility; and
- Those who focus public attention on the many activities and achievements in LeadingAge Florida member communities.

Nominations are now open through Thursday, April 5, 2018! So, think back over the last year and consider nominating an individual, organization, or entity that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of housing/retirement communities or long-term care for seniors. We want to recognize and reward the people and organizations that have contributed to the success of your organization.

**A nominee must be a member of LeadingAge Florida through a community, firm, aging organization, or resident/council. Previous nominations that were not awarded can be re-submitted.**



## 2018 Award Categories

(Only one award will be presented in each of the following categories.)

### ❖ **Best Practice Award:**

This award recognizes an individual or group of individuals from a LeadingAge Florida member community who have developed programs and services that are models of excellence, innovation, and best practices at work. These programs or services must:

- Provide documented benefits to the residents, clients or organization;
- Demonstrate the potential for replication in other communities; and
- Have been in operation for least six months.

### ❖ **Caregiver/Employee of the Year Award:**

This award category is open to all LeadingAge Florida members. The nominee must demonstrate:

- Extraordinary dedication;
- Stellar customer service;
- Outstanding performance; and
- Commitment to enhancing the quality of life for residents of a member community.

### ❖ **Distinguished Service Award:**

This is LeadingAge Florida's most prestigious award. It is presented to an association member or an individual who has made an extraordinary contribution on behalf of elders at the state level. The award will only be presented if the LeadingAge Florida Awards Committee determines that exceptional service has been rendered by the nominee.

### ❖ **Executive of the Year Award:**

This award is presented to the CEO, executive director, administrator or manager of a member community who demonstrates:

- The highest qualities of leadership;
- Willingness to mentor others; and
- Innovation and significant contribution to the work of LeadingAge Florida.

### ❖ **Lifetime Achievement Award**

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to an individual who, through his or her body of work, has provided LeadingAge Florida and the state with significant and transformative leadership in aging services. The person selected for this award is a visionary leader and builder – someone who has made remarkable contributions to the field, and has positively impacted and advanced the aging services field. Individuals whose organization(s) are members of LeadingAge Florida are eligible for this award. To be considered, nominees:

- Must have provided imaginative leadership and exceptional service to the Association;
- Must have accomplished significant goals in the industry for 30 years or more; and
- Nominee's cumulative achievements are notable and worthy of state recognition.

### ❖ Resident/Volunteer of the Year Award

This award is presented to a resident, resident organization or non-resident volunteer at a LeadingAge Florida member community. It recognizes the value of a volunteer who:

- Enhances the quality of life for residents;
- Preserves dignity, well-being and independence of residents; and
- Demonstrates the mission of the member community in a number of ways.

### ❖ Service Coordinator Award:

This award recognizes a service coordinator who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to residents through:

- Innovative programming and supportive services;
- Creative problem-solving; and
- Genuine concern for each resident's well-being.

### ❖ Trustee of the Year Award:

This award is presented to a volunteer who has served with distinction on the board of a LeadingAge Florida member home, and has demonstrated a significant contribution of time and effort to the betterment of a not-for-profit community and its residents.

## Awards Presentations:

Awards will be presented during LeadingAge Florida's 55th Annual Convention and Exposition, July 29 – August 1, 2018, at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in the Greater Orlando-area.

## Nomination Process:

Please attach the completed nomination form along with the following:

1. A brief statement indicating why the nominee (individual or organization) should be chosen;
2. A list of specific examples of significant service; and
3. Up to three letters of recommendation.

Please do **not** send slides, videocassettes, audiocassettes or other similar materials with your nomination, as they will not be used by the Awards Committee when reviewing submissions. Additionally, LeadingAge Florida will not guarantee the material will be returned to you.

**AWARD NOMINATION DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018.**

Send your nomination(s) via email, mail or fax by **April 5** to:

**LeadingAge Florida Awards Program — Call for Nominations**

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## 2018 Award Nomination Form

Submission Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Nomination Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We nominate the following person/group for consideration as a recipient of the following award:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Practice Award                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Resident/Volunteer of the Year Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caregiver/Employee of the Year Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Coordinator Award            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Service Award          | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee of the Year Award            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Executive of the Year Award          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Achievement Award           |   |

### Nominee Information:

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Fax/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual/Organization Submitting Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Send your nomination(s) by email or fax by **Thursday, April 5, 2018** to:

**LeadingAge Florida's Awards Program — Call for Nominations**

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