



2017 LeadingAge Texas Awards Program

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS: CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

AWARD OF HONOR

The Award of Honor, LeadingAge Texas's highest award is presented to one distinguished individual who has provided outstanding leadership in creating the future of Aging Services and reinforcing our fundamental values.

- The individual's imaginative leadership, exceptional service, and commitment to quality are advancing both the association and the aging services field.
- Nominee has accomplished significant goals over a substantial period of time.
- Nominee's cumulative, ongoing achievements, and positive impact on the field are notable and worthy of state recognition.

Eligibility:

- Individual whose organization is a LeadingAge Texas member are eligible for this award.
- Current LeadingAge Texas board members are not eligible for this award.

*Submit nominations to the LeadingAge national awards program in February 2017.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

The Cultural Diversity Award recognizes an individual or organization that has effected positive change through a significant commitment to cultural diversity and inclusion.

- The nominee demonstrates significant achievement in cultural diversity and inclusion with respect to residents, staff and in developing future leaders.
- The contribution is noteworthy and innovative.
- The nominee can demonstrate positive change within the aging-services organization in advancing the interests of a diverse population.

Eligibility:

- Member organizations or individuals whose organizations are LeadingAge Texas members are eligible for this award.

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DR. HERBERT SHORE OUTSTANDING MENTOR

The Dr. Herbert Shore Outstanding Mentor award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated outstanding abilities in one-on-one teaching and motivating while challenging and developing future leaders in the field of aging services. The award is named for the late Dr. Herbert Shore, a LeadingAge Texas and national founder, past president, Award of Honor recipient and well-known mentor.

- The nomination reflects that the mentor has engaged his or her protégé (s) in Aging Services and fostered their leadership development.
- The submission shows the extent of the nominee's impact as a mentor and is strengthened by testimonials from one or more protégés.
- The submission indicates accomplishments of the protégé (s) that have been influenced by the mentor.

Eligibility:

- Individuals whose organizations are LeadingAge Texas members are eligible for this award.

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EMERGING LEADER

The Emerging Leader Award is given to an individual at the early or mid-stage of his or her career who has demonstrated aptitude for and commitment to professional growth as a leader and who has assumed within the last five years expanded leadership responsibilities within the organization.

- Successful assumption of and demonstrated competence in an enlarging role within the organization.
- Aspiration to greater advancement and commitment to investment of time and energy in the acquisition of knowledge and experience in preparation for future leadership opportunities within the field of aging services.
- Demonstrated ability to articulate and inspire a shared vision, and to develop robust relationships within the organization.
- Outstanding commitment to and demonstration of the highest standards of professional conduct and practice.
- Willingness and ability to mentor other emerging professionals and to otherwise encourage the professional growth of others.

Eligibility:

- Employees at any organizational level within a LeadingAge Texas member community who have within the last five years accepted expanded leadership responsibilities either through promotion or through expansion of their roles within the organization.

The recipient of the Emerging Leader Award shall automatically be accepted as a fellow in the LeadingAge Texas Leadership Academy. Enrollment fees still apply.

EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY

The Excellence in Advocacy award recognizes an individual or organization for advocating for aging services at the local, state or national level.

- Nominee has advocated and actively encouraged others to advocate on aging-services issues with local, state or national policy makers and/or the media.
- Nominee has provided support and information on strategies that individuals can use to advocate for aging issues.
- Nominee has organized other persons or groups to advocate for positive change.

Eligibility:

- Member organizations or individuals whose organizations are LeadingAge Texas members are eligible for this award.

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EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNANCE

The Excellence in Governance Award is given to voluntary leaders who have served with distinction on the governing board of a LeadingAge Texas member organization and thereby made an outstanding contribution to the well-being of seniors, to the employees who serve them, and to organization's nonprofit mission.

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- A visionary leader who has, as a member of the governing board, advanced the mission of the member community.
- A significant contributor of time, effort, and expertise.
- Exceptional service beyond the call of duty.
- A history of personally significant financial contributions, or an exceptional act of philanthropy through which the mission of the organization has been advanced.
- Demonstrated expertise in and openness to best practices in nonprofit governance.
- Outstanding leadership in achieving specific goals and objectives of the member organization.

Eligibility:

- Past or present members of the governing board of a LeadingAge Texas member are eligible for this award.

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP

The Excellence in Leadership Award recognizes those individuals, regardless of their role within the organization, who demonstrate leadership within their team that is impactful, effective, motivational, and consistent.

- Individual has a history of exceptional leadership that has facilitated, encouraged, or motivated other employees to deliver expanded benefits to residents.
- Commitment to personal and professional development.
- Capacity to form harmonious and influential relationships with coworkers throughout the organization.
- Significant contribution to improving quality within the organization.
- Steadfast commitment “above and beyond the call of duty” to assist and encourage others.
- Distinguished record of service, dedication and caring; a leadership role model.
- A mentor known to share knowledge and experience generously for the purpose of motivating others to higher levels of performance.
- Willingness to go “above and beyond” the conventional parameters of an established role for the sake of helping and inspiring others.

Eligibility:

- This award is given to an employee from any organizational level within a LeadingAge Texas member community.

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

The Excellence in Research and Education award recognizes an individual or organizations ongoing commitment to quality aging services through evidence-based research and dissemination of research findings through internal and external shared learning opportunities.

- Nominee demonstrates commitment to giving back to the field by sharing research findings and innovative practices with peers.
- Nominee creates opportunities for professionals and organizations to learn from one another.
- Nominee utilizes continuing education to encourage creativity and innovation in care and services.

Eligibility:

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PUBLIC TRUST

The Public Trust Award recognizes an individual or organization that has advanced public trust and confidence in aging services through public service, collaboration, media or other efforts to educate consumers and help them make informed choices.

- Nominee has furthered public understanding of the continuum of aging services and support for positive change.
- Nominee conveys information to consumers and/or policymakers about quality of care and quality of life in aging services.
- Nomination includes breadth and scope of public impact and community benefit.

Eligibility:

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SERVICE EXCELLENCE

The Service Excellence Award honors those individuals in direct service, who demonstrate extraordinary talent, expertise, and dedication in provision of exceptional service and life enrichment to residents.

- Consistent excellence over time in provision of a services that impacts the daily quality of life of residents.
- Willingness to exceed the boundaries of an established role in order to deliver the exceptional rather than the expected.
- Personal commitment above and beyond that which is normally expected to enrich life for others.
- Cultivation of relationships as an expression of personal caring.
- Demonstrated ability to exceed expectations while also working effectively and supportively as a member of a team.
- Exceptional commitment to resident-centered care and support for resident choice and autonomy.
- An extraordinary instance of rising to a particular challenge and doing so in a manner that reflects the highest ideals of service and caring.
- The ability to inspire others to higher levels of service excellence.

Eligibility:

- Non-managerial frontline, direct service employees of any department within a LeadingAge Texas member community

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

This award honors volunteers whose commitment and dedication enhance and enrich the quality of life for seniors and their communities.

- Nominee demonstrates exceptional commitment to older adults through volunteer service.
- Nominees' actions enhance and enrich the lives of seniors.
- The nominee promotes the mission and goals of the organization they serve.

Eligibility:

- Nominations may be a group or individual whose contributions enhance the mission of a LeadingAge Texas member and those they serve.

SAVE THE DATE:

Nominations for the Inspirational Senior Texan Award being accepted in August 2017.