

## **Diana R. Garland Award for Social Work Practitioner Excellence**

The Diana Garland Award for Social Work Practitioner Excellence has been established to honor Diana R. Garland, a long-time practitioner and educator in professional social work. Diana is known as a sensitive practitioner, a skilled educator and administrator, a lauded writer, and an exceptional and valued colleague to many. This award honors Diana's deep Christian faith out of which has come her long-term, valued contributions to both the field of social work and to the North American Association of Christians in Social Work.

The recipient of this award will be a social work practitioner of faith who has evidenced excellence in social work practice, reflecting the values and attributes which are characteristic of Diana's life of service as a Christian in social work.

### **Criteria and Guidelines:**

1. Eligibility -the award recipient:
  - Is a social work practitioner who has worked in the field for at least five years in direct practice, supervision, and/or social work administration
  - Has either a bachelors, masters or doctorate degree in social work earned from an accredited social work program
  - Is a member of NACSW in good standing
  - Lives and works in the geographical area where the fall convention will be held (preferred)
2. Criteria - the award recipient:
  - Has shown evidence of the thoughtful integration of Christian faith and social work in his/her work
  - Has made a valuable contribution to the understanding of sensitive and thoughtful Christian social work practice
  - Has shown evidence of practice values that reflect insight, effectiveness, wisdom, and commitment to the welfare of clients
3. Nomination Procedure:
  - Members of each annual convention planning team will be encouraged to submit a completed nomination form, which includes a statement as to why the candidate is being nominated for this award (based on the eligibility and criteria from #1 and #2 above). Nominations from individuals who are not a part of the

convention planning team, including NACSW Board members and other NACSW members and friends, will also be accepted for consideration.

- The following will be attached to the nomination form:
  - Resume or curriculum vita
  - Letters of support from two colleagues familiar with the nominees work and accomplishments
- The Board's Program Oversight Committee will review the nominations received from the convention planning committee and make a final decision during their annual spring meeting at least 3 months prior to the fall convention

#### 4. The Award

- The person whom the Board selects to receive the award will be notified that as a condition for accepting the award, he/she will do one of the following:
  - a) Present a workshop at the annual convention to be video recorded and developed by NACSW into an online training to become part of NACSW's online CEU program
  - b) Submit an article for *Social Work & Christianity* focused on aspect of her/his work in which the integration of faith has made a substantial contribution (a member of SWC's editorial board will be available to assist the award recipient with the writing of this article if this support is desired by the award recipient)
  - c) In special circumstances, in lieu of options a) or b), an alternative "deliverable" can be proposed by/for an award recipient (for example, the award recipient could be interviewed by an experienced writer/journalist, who could develop a feature-length article highlighting the life and accomplishments of the award recipient.
- The award recipient will receive a year of free membership in NACSW, funds to cover registration, transportation, lodging, and a stipend for food for the NACSW convention at which her/his award will be announced.
- NACSW will honor the award recipient at the convention as well as in various NACSW publications the year the recipients receives the award.