

2009 NAHU "SPIRIT OF FREEDOM" LEGISLATIVE AWARD

Description: The Spirit of Freedom Award recognizes members who have performed outstanding service and made significant contributions of time and effort in **State and Federal Legislative** work. One award may be presented to a member who displays an aggressive leadership role by building relationships with legislators that directly impact public policy; by actively taking our message to key media outlets; and by developing strong grassroots initiatives. In no instance will more than one award be given in a year. It is possible that this award may not be given every year. In years that a member does not meet the criteria or where no applications are received, no award will be given.

Criteria:

1. Anyone who has been an individual NAHU member for two or more years and meets the criteria for this award is eligible. However, since this award is intended for outstanding service over an extended period of time, this will be awarded to a member only once in a lifetime. (Paid lobbyists are not eligible.) *Membership verified by NAHU.*
2. To be considered for this award, the individual member must have:
 - a) participated in committees or working groups involving legislation*;
 - b) repeated presentations to groups on legislative issues*;
 - c) actively participated in NAHU Capitol Conferences*;
 - d) obtained national media attention or displayed extensive involvement in promoting NAHU's legislative efforts*;
 - e) developed strong grass roots initiatives through involvement and support of HUPAC, serving as a key legislative contact and promoting our lobbying efforts*; and
 - f) performed other outstanding legislative service for the association*.

(*) indicates submit documentation with the application/nomination form.

Directions:

To nominate your candidate, submit a detailed narrative (2,000 word limit), outlining your candidate's accomplishments, using the criteria listed above as a guideline. Nominations for this award may be submitted by an individual member, chapter or by the Legislative Council. Documentation of the candidate's accomplishments is required.

RULES, CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFIC AWARD CRITERIA, DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS AND TIPS MAY BE FOUND IN THE AWARDS LEADERSHIP GUIDE ON NAHU's WEBSITE: <http://www.nahu.org/members/AW-LeadershipGuide.pdf>

Send to:

Please make a copy of everything you submit for your own records. Mail the original application/nomination form and documentation to the **NAHU Awards Committee, 2000 N. 14th Street, Suite 450, Arlington, VA 22201**. Submissions received without an application will be disqualified.

Due date:

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION AND ALL ITS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, REGARDLESS OF DELIVERY METHOD, IS APRIL 5.

Application/Nomination Form:

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Nominee's Name: _____

Chapter: _____

Nominator's Name (Print): _____

Nominator's Signature: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ \$10 check enclosed to return this packet following the Annual Convention. If this chapter has submitted more than one award application, the \$10 fee applies to the return of up to three applications to a single address. There is a \$2 fee per additional application. (i.e. 5 applications to the same address will cost \$14.) Unclaimed submissions become the property of NAHU and will be destroyed.

Name and Address for returning application via UPS:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

_____ No. We do not wish to have our submission returned.