

SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM



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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration
Erie VA Medical Center





The Social Worker of the Year Award aims to motivate Social Work employees to strive for excellence through achievement of our organizational goals. The Award promotes excellence in VA Social Work service and provides an opportunity for professional recognition. As a profession that is widely dispersed among various departments and teams throughout the Erie VAMC, VA Social Workers are a valued part of the VA system.



CRITERIA:

The nomination must identify how the Social Worker demonstrates an outstanding contribution in a **minimum of 4 of the 8 elements** below:

- **Veteran Centered Care**
How has the nominee demonstrated a dedication to the Veterans he/she serves, how have they gone above and beyond to meet identified needs?
- **Patient Safety**
How has the nominee promoted safety for our Veterans, department and facility? What have they done to ensure that the safety of all involved parties is a top priority?
- **Focus on Continuous Improvement**
How has the nominee demonstrated a dedication to continuous process or professional improvement? What programs or process have they implemented or improved for our Veterans and/or facility?
- **Integrity**
How has the nominee demonstrated a dedication to serving our Veterans and representing our facility in an honorable and ethical manner? How do they promote an honest culture of care?
- **Commitment**
Identify how the nominee demonstrates a commitment to the Veterans they serve, their teammates/colleagues, the department or program where they work, and/or to the position that they hold as a VA employee.
- **Advocacy**
How has the nominee advocated to promote positive change, remove barriers and increase access for Veterans and the Erie VAMC? How has the nominee used their voice to empower individual and system changes to meet identified needs?
- **Respect**
How does the nominee demonstrate respect for the patients they serve, those they work alongside, and the VA as a whole? How does the nominee demonstrate respect for differences and inclusion.
- **Excellence**
How has the nominee consistently went above and beyond their assigned position duties? How have they demonstrated excellence in their professional engagements?

NOMINATIONS:

To nominate a Social Worker – please complete this form and submit via mail or email at the addresses below. Nominations will be accepted between **January 1st – January 31st**. All nominations must be received by close of business on January 31st to be considered for this calendar year.

Nominations will be voted on by the Social Work employees to determine a final winner. The winner of the award will be announced in March which is National Social Work Month.

SOCIAL WORKER TO BE NOMINATED:

I would like to nominate Social Worker (Name First, Last):

from the Erie VAMC Unit/Department.

Please describe in the box below the situation that demonstrates how this Social Worker demonstrated each of the criteria above during their VA Social Work role.

****Please note a minimum of 4 elements from the Criteria List must be identified and the employee's actions outlined to be accepted as a complete nomination.**

Mailing address:

Erie VA
Attn: Medical Social Work – SW122
135 East 38th Street
Erie, PA 16504

Email submissions to:

vhaerisocialworkaward@va.gov



Thank you!

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Contact Information:

Thank you for taking time to complete this form and nominate an exceptional Social Worker for this award! If willing, please tell us about yourself.

Your Name: Date of nomination:

Phone: Email:

I am (please check one): Patient Visitor Nurse MD Staff Volunteer Other