



AAHRA 2017 Awards INFORMATION

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Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JULY 21, 2017

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

The AAHRA Awards of Excellence give recognition to innovative housing and community development projects, programs and services provided by AAHRA agency members. The awards recognize best practices among housing, redevelopment and community agencies and provide a resource bank of information for AAHRA members. All entries will be judged on their own merit and not in competition with one another. Entries must be submitted to the address listed on the entry form by the specified date. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of housing professionals based on a point system, the criteria to include innovation, agency role, results, cost/financing, ongoing activities and general opinion. One program/project will be chosen for each category.

**If there is only one application in any category, the application must meet the merit of the award to be selected.

Outstanding Newsletter/Publication: Small, Medium and Large Housing Authority.

Program Innovation – Affordable Housing: Programs that produce affordable housing projects in an innovative manner, such as creative financing, public/private partnerships, mixed-use developments, design, adaptive reuse or special needs housing.

Program Innovation – Resident and Client Services: Programs that enhance the lives of residents and clients, such as self-sufficiency programs, youth programs and elderly or special needs housing.

Administrative Innovation: Programs that improve the efficiency or effectiveness of administrative operations or the general functioning of the agency, such as management systems, maintenance, community relations, inter-agency cooperation, computer use, professional development or public relations.

Awards of Excellence Eligibility

- Program must have been put into operation/construction after January 1, 2016 and currently show demonstrable results. Programs that were put into place before the above date and have undergone major changes are also eligible.
- The nominated program must not have previously received an AAHRA award.
- Programs entered into more than one category must have separate applications reflective of how the particular program meets the intent of each category.

Procedures

- Complete an entry form for each project. (Original form may be photocopied.)
- Complete an application for each project, addressing all areas listed.
- Additional materials may be enclosed.

Application

The application must be typewritten; no more than 300 words, and address the following:

- Summary of Program or Project
- Problem or Need for the Program or Project
- Description of the Program or Project
- Cost/Financing of the Program or Project
- Results of the Program or Project
- Worthiness for an Award



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UNsung HERO AWARD

AAHRA will recognize its “Unsung Hero” in 2017 – a volunteer who has given countless hours to AAHRA. Any current, paid member of AAHRA can make nominations. Please Note: Current or past presidents of AAHRA are not eligible for this award.

Eligibility

Each agency can nominate as many Unsung Heroes as they like. To be eligible for an Unsung Hero Award, individuals must meet one or more of the criteria below.

- Been an active/contributing volunteer with AAHRA not less than three to five year period, in good standing
- Involved in conference planning/on-site conference volunteers
- Involved in legislative agenda activities (brainstorming, drafting of annual legislative agenda, etc.)
- Advocate in legislative actions (advocate with contacts to elected officials, testimony, letter writing and meeting with representatives)
- Involved in outreach, membership services or fundraising
- Training and/or curriculum development

SERVICE AWARDS

Outstanding Maintenance Employee
Outstanding Administrative Employee
Outstanding Commissioner
Outstanding Executive Director

There are always individuals within an organization who go beyond what is expected and whose work is truly exceptional. This is a chance to name those people whose dedication and accomplishments deserve statewide recognition. Please use specific examples of how this individual has “raised the bar” in his or her particular position, and why this person’s work is considered outstanding.

Unsung Hero and Service Awards – Application and Procedures

- Complete an entry form for each person nominated. (Original form may be photocopied.)
- Complete an application for each person, no more than 300 words, addressing their worthiness for an award.



See Entry Form for Nominations

Electronic Submissions:

If possible, please scan and email your application and support materials to:

fsnow@prichardhousing.com

If an electronic submission is not feasible please send via regular mail.



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All entries must be submitted by an agency/entity that is a current paid member of AAHRA.

Award: (choose only one award for each application)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Newsletter/Publication | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Innovation | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Administrative Employee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Innovation- Affordable Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsung Hero | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Commissioner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Innovation- Resident & Client Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Maintenance Employee | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Executive Director |

Title of the Program or Project (if applicable): _____

Nominator Information:

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Nominee Information:

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Please submit the application, entry form and any other additional materials to:

Felicia Snow, Executive Director
Prichard Housing Authority, PO Box 10307, Prichard, AL 36610.
Phone 251.456.1022; Fax 251.452.6149; Email fsnow@prichardhousing.com;

The deadline for acceptance is July 21, 2017.
No applications will be considered after this date.
You will be contacted during the weeks following the deadline to notify you of your status.
Thank you for participating and good luck!

Electronic Submissions:
If possible, please scan and email your application and support materials to:
fsnow@prichardhousing.com
If an electronic submission is not feasible please send via regular mail.