



2020 Annual Award Nomination Form

Deadline for Nominations is November 16, 2020

Many people throughout the State of Washington labor long hours, in a variety of ways, with little recognition to further the mission of NAMI. While it is nearly impossible to single out only a few stars from our band of dedicated volunteers, advocates, and supporters, we would like your help in finding some stellar folks to honor. Please be detailed in why you think your nominee should be honored with a state-wide award! The NAMI Washington Award Ceremony will be held virtually in December 2020.

Name of Nominee: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check the Award which applies to this nominee (descriptions can be found on the next page):

- Benefactor of the Year Award
- Criminal Justice Award
- Educator of the Year Award
- Employer of the Year Award
- Faith Community Award of the Year
- John Freeburg Consumer Advocate of the Year Award
- Leadership Award
- Legislator of the Year Award
- Media Award
- Outstanding Partner Award
- Philanthropist of the Year Award
- Program of the Year Award
- Provider of the Year Award
- Public Service Award
- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Youth Community Program of the Year Award

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are you a NAMI Member? Yes No (If Yes)-Your NAMI Affiliate: _____

Please tell us why your nominee should be honored by NAMI Washington:

(Please be detailed – what has their service contributed to your affiliate or NAMI WA and/or the cause we serve? How long have they helped? What else can you say? You are welcome to use additional space).

2020 Award Categories

Benefactor of the Year Award: Recognizes an individual that has demonstrated exceptionally strong financial support or outstanding fundraising leadership for NAMI Washington

Criminal Justice Award: Recognizes an individual or group in the area of criminal justice which has demonstrated through action a strong commitment to the decriminalization of mental illness through Crisis Intervention Training, Jail Diversion program, Mental Health Courts, or other innovative programs and projects which decriminalize mental illness.

Educator of the Year Award: Recognizes an individual or organization which works in the schools to support children with mental illness to succeed, and includes families at the table.

Employer of the Year Award: Recognizes an employer that has demonstrated support for hiring and retaining people with mental illness; has taken extraordinary measures to educate its employees about mental illness; or has created a supportive workplace for families who have a loved one with mental illness.

Faith Community of the Year Award: Recognizes a faith community that has reached out to include people with mental illness and their families, and that has worked to decrease the stigma of mental illness.

John Freeburg Consumer Advocate of the Year Award: Recognizes a person living with mental illness who has shown leadership on behalf of NAMI Washington or a NAMI Washington Affiliate by supporting and advocating for others living with mental illness.

Leadership Award: Recognizes an individual who has given generously of their time, spirit, resources and skills for NAMI Washington or a NAMI Washington Affiliate in a leadership capacity.

Legislator of the Year Award: Recognizes a legislator at the state or national level who has been a leader and outspoken advocate for people living with mental illness and their families.

Media Award: Recognizes an individual or organization which has been instrumental in reducing the stigma associated with mental illness, reporting on the needs of people with mental illness or effectively portraying the stories of people with mental illness and their families.

Outstanding Partner Award: Recognizes an organization that has supported NAMI or a NAMI Affiliate through such things as free/reduced office space, materials, support group space, program operations.

Philanthropist of the Year Award: Recognizes a foundation or group that has demonstrated exceptionally strong support for NAMI Washington

Program of the Year Award: Recognizes an innovative non-Signature program sponsored by a NAMI Washington Affiliate which addresses/provides excellent services and/or supports to people with mental illness and their families.

Provider of the Year Award: Recognizes an organization that provides mental health services which has demonstrated consumer/client focused excellence, respect, and best practices, including consumer/client feedback.

Public Service Award: Recognizes an individual OR a local, state or federal government employee who demonstrates leadership and commitment to improving the mental health system.

Volunteer of the Year Award: Recognizes an individual who has given generously of their time, resources and energy as a volunteer either to NAMI Washington or a NAMI Washington Affiliate.

Youth Community Program of the Year Award: Recognizes a community program or organization that has a program which addresses youth mental health and promote early intervention and education.