



## ***Honoring California's Social Work Leaders and Innovators***

### **Nomination Information and Instructions**

The California Social Work Hall of Distinction committee invites you to submit a nomination to recognize an individual whose body of work made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the social work profession and/or social work practice in California and bettered the lives of Californians.

**Fundamental expectations of all Hall of Distinction nominees are that they have earned an advanced degree in social work and have demonstrated support of social work values and the NASW Code of Ethics.**

#### **NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**

- Nominations are accepted at any time but **must be submitted by February 15 to be considered for the current year.**
- **Submit the attached cover sheet with additional pages, such as: a resume or CV, supplementary narrative, biographical and/or background information, letters of support (limit of 3), and a high-definition headshot or professional photo, if available.**
- You may complete and submit the nomination form and supporting materials online using a link available on the Hall of Distinction website [https:// socialworkhallofdistinction.org/nominations](https://socialworkhallofdistinction.org/nominations) (preferred method), or Email materials to [cswa@usc.edu](mailto:cswa@usc.edu), or mail to:

CSWA Operations Center  
8484 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 515  
Los Angeles, CA 90211

- Current Hall of Distinction Committee members are not eligible for induction.  
<http://socialworkhallofdistinction.usc.edu/committee-members/>
- The induction class will be announced in the spring in NASW-CA News.
- If a nominee is not selected for the current year's induction class, submitted materials are held over for automatic review, for up to five years. Nominators are notified of the committee's decision and are invited to supplement and update the nomination submission in between selection cycles.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION**

The Hall of Distinction induction event coincides with the NASW-CA Annual Conference, which alternates between northern and southern California venues. Honorees are generally selected from the geographic region where the induction ceremony will be held in order to facilitate the attendance of inductees and their guests.

Those selected for induction are:

- original founders of the profession by virtue of developing standards or programs
- those who made an extraordinary contribution to professional development, and
- those who, by exemplary practice, served as role models for other social workers.

Selection is based on evidence provided that the nominee has contributed to the social work profession in any of the following ways.

- Exceptional leadership in social work practice and education, research, or social policy in California.
- Risk-taking to achieve outstanding results in social policies or programs, particularly during controversial historical periods.
- Effective advocacy against potentially harmful social policies on behalf of clients and communities, and in extending social programs to underserved populations.
- Extraordinary contributions to social work practice or application of techniques.
- Initiating innovative research or programs producing positive, tangible results over a period of time.
- Lived experience and stories of resilience will be weighed equally with professional achievements to ensure the embodiment of whole-person models of honoring human social work experience and successes.



## Inductee Nomination Packet Cover Sheet

Submit cover sheet with additional pages, such as: a resume or CV, supplementary narrative, biographical and/or background information, letters of support (limit of 3), and photo, if available.

Title and full name of nominee

Contact information for nominee

Mailing address

Telephone

E-Mail

Summary of major contributions and how the nominee's body of work reflects selection criteria.

Primary Area(s) of Expertise

### Education and Employment Summary

Degree

College/University

Graduation Year


Employer

Position Held

Dates


Contact information for the person submitting the nomination:

Name

Telephone

E-Mail

Month/Year of Submission