29th Annual Texas School Social Workers Conference

Kathy Armenta Texas School Social Worker of the Year Award Application

School Social Workers:
Now More Than Ever!

The University of Texas at Austin
Steve Hicks School of Social Work
The Planning Committee of the Twenty-Eighth Annual Texas School Social Workers Conference, School Social Workers: Now More than Ever, is seeking nominees for an annual award recognizing excellence in school-based social work practice. The Nineteenth Annual Kathy Armenta Texas School Social Worker of the Year Award will be given to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional skill and expertise in the area of school social work. The award will be presented at the Plenary Luncheon on Thursday, February 21, 2019. Nominees will be reviewed and the award decision determined by the Conference Planning Committee. The Conference Committee is chaired by Mary Beer, LCSW. Members of the committee represent direct practice, administration, community, Texas State University, and The University of Texas at Austin Steve Hicks School of Social Work.

Nominees must have:
- a degree in social work from a CSWE accredited university program
- a social work license
- a minimum of three (3) years of experience as a school social worker

Nominees must have demonstrated exceptional skill and expertise in ONE or MORE of the following categories:

1. Individual has demonstrated exemplary leadership or advocacy in their role as a school social worker.
2. Individual has developed creative strategies or techniques for working within a school system.
3. Individual has implemented an innovative program or service in a school setting.
4. Individual has made a significant impact within a school district, campus or specific population.

To submit a nomination:

1. Complete and submit the form on the next page.
2. Include a nomination letter that provides a description of the ways in which the nominee has demonstrated exceptional skill and expertise in one or more of the above categories.
3. Enclose a photograph of the individual to be used at conference recognition.
4. Enclose a resume for the nominee, if possible.

Supporting letters or materials may also be submitted, but are not required.

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The Kathy Armenta Texas School Social Worker of the Year Award honors Kathy Armenta, LCSW, ACSW, retired clinical professor from the UT Austin Steve Hicks School of Social Work, for her 25 years as a school social worker, her years of teaching and service, including her years on the conference planning committee since its beginning in 1991, and her service as conference chair since 1999. We honor Kathy Armenta in recognition of her extraordinary contributions and legacy to school social work in Texas and beyond.
Nominee Contact Information:
Name of Nominee ____________________________________________________________
School/District ________________________________________________________________
Phone ___________________________ E-mail Address ________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________________
City ____________________________ State ____________ Zip Code ______________________
Title ________________________________________________________________________
Number of Years as a School Social Worker ______________________________________
Educational Degree(s) ___________ Social Work License ___________ License Number __________

Nomination Submitted by:
Name ____________________________________________________________
Title ______________________________________________________________________
School/District ______________________________________________________________
Phone ___________________________ E-mail Address ________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________________
City ____________________________ State ____________ Zip Code ______________________

Please include a nomination letter, resume, photo of nominee, and any other supporting materials, and send to:

Mary Beer, LCSW
Chair, Conference Planning Committee
UT Austin Steve Hicks School of Social Work
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Submit by Friday, January 25, 2019

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KATHY ARMENTA
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