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2015 BETTY GRANDQUIST LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Purpose

The purpose of the Betty Grandquist Lifetime Achievement Award is to identify and recognize an Iowan who has dedicated a portion of his or her personal or professional life to achieving excellence in the fields of aging and/or disability or has made significant contributions to promoting independence and enhancing quality of life among older Iowans and Iowans with disabilities. The award was established in 2009 and is presented on an annual basis.

Criteria

Any Iowa resident may nominate a candidate to be recognized with the Betty Grandquist Lifetime Achievement Award. Self-nominations are also welcome. Nomination forms are available on the Iowa Department on Aging website at www.iowaaging.gov or may be requested by calling 800.532.3213. Nomination forms must be postmarked by July 15, 2015. All qualified nominees will be considered by a committee of members of the Iowa Commission on Aging and the finalist will be decided by a majority vote at the Iowa Commission on Aging meeting on Aug. 14, 2015. The award will be presented at the Iowa Centenarians Recognition Event in 2015.

Nominees for the Betty Grandquist Lifetime Achievement Award must be:

- An Iowa volunteer who has made a significant contribution in assisting older Iowans and/or Iowans with disabilities live healthy and independent lives; or
- An Iowan whose profession is within the fields of aging and/or disability and whose work has made a significant contribution in assisting older Iowans and/or Iowans with disabilities live healthy and independent lives.

Two letters of support from groups or individuals who work with the aging and/or disability communities and can qualify the significance of the nominee's contributions must accompany the nomination form. Letters of support should address the general nature of the nominee's contributions on assisting older Iowans and/or Iowans with disabilities live healthy and independent lives and should discuss the impact of the nominee's contributions on older Iowans and/or Iowans with disabilities.

Completed nomination forms should be mailed to:

Iowa Department on Aging
c/o Erin Kurth, Public Information Officer
510 E 12th St., Ste. 2
Des Moines, IA 50319-9025

Questions may be directed to Erin Kurth at 800.532.3213 or 515.725.3304, or erin.kurth@iowa.gov.

Policy/Procedure

1. Nominations may be submitted by any Iowa resident other than current Iowa Department on Aging employees or Iowa Commission on Aging members. Self-nominations are also welcome. There is no limit to the number of times and individual may be nominated for the Betty Grandquist Lifetime Achievement Award. However, the successful candidate may only be the recipient of the award one time. There may be a year or years in which there is no outstanding nominee and no award is given.
2. Nomination forms may be obtained from the Iowa Department on Aging website at www.iowaaging.gov or may be requested by calling 800.532.3213.
3. Two letters of support from groups or individuals who work with the aging and/or disability communities and can qualify the significance of the nominee's contributions must accompany the nomination form.
4. Nomination forms must be postmarked by July 15, 2015.
5. All qualified nominees will be considered by a committee of members of the Iowa Commission on Aging and the finalist will be decided by a majority vote at the Iowa Commission on Aging meeting on Aug. 14, 2015.
6. The committee of Iowa Commission on Aging members will make independent rankings of nominees. Nominees will be discussed alphabetically. Each member will provide their perspective on a given nominee as it relates to the award criteria. Following the discussion, the committee will make a recommendation to the full Iowa Commission on Aging and a vote will be taken. A majority vote will decide the award recipient.
7. Following the vote and final decision by the Iowa Commission on Aging at the Aug. 14, 2015, meeting, the Director of the Iowa Department on Aging will be notified of the award recipient. At that time, all nomination materials for candidates other than the winner of the award will be destroyed.
8. The award recipient will be notified via mail within three business days and arrangements shall be made for the recipient to be present to accept the award at the Iowa Centenarians Recognition Event in 2015. A copy of the congratulatory letter from the Commission will also be forwarded to the Governor's office.
9. During the Iowa Centenarians Recognition Event, a short biography of the award recipient will be read and the winner will be recognized with a commemorative plaque inscribed with the title of the award, the year and the name of the recipient.
10. The award recipient's name will also be added to a perpetual recognition display that is maintained in the lobby at the Iowa Department on Aging.
11. Following the announcement of the recipient at the Iowa Centenarians Recognition Event, the Iowa Department on Aging will notify local media and publish the recipient's name on the Iowa Department on Aging website.