

WASHINGTON PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION



## **WPUDA Awards Descriptions and Nomination Form**

All nomination forms must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2020.

Please submit nomination forms to: Lena Mendiola  
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## WPUDA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

The WPUDA Educational Scholarship was established in 2019 to recognize a dependent of a Public Utility District employee and member of WPUDA. Each year, the Association seeks to award a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a well-rounded student who demonstrates scholastic ability, community involvement, and thoughtful consideration of the services provided by PUDs.

### Eligibility:

- A child of a parent or legal guardian presently employed by a PUD member of WPUDA
- Regularly enrolled as a senior in high school or equivalent schooling
- Has maintained a 3.0 GPA or better
- Participates in extracurricular activities, community service, or school activities that exemplify a commitment to excellence
- Seeking enrollment as a full-time student at an accredited university, technical/trade school, or community college

### Application Submission:

- The Board of Commissioners of each member PUD may submit the name of one student
- Completed application form including a short personal statement highlighting extracurricular activities
- Essay on any of the following utility subjects: electricity, wastewater, drinking water, broadband telecommunication, customer service, or renewables. (maximum word count is 2,000)
- Current transcript

The WPUDA Awards Committee will review applications in October and base their decision on the information submitted. The scholarship recipient will be honored with a personal plaque during the Annual Conference held in December.

## **WPUDA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest honor of the Washington PUD Association, recognizing the commitment of an outstanding individual to the philosophy and purpose of public power and to WPUDA.

Any commissioner, manager, or employee of a member utility, either past or present, who has shown exceptional leadership and dedication to the ideals and principles of WPUDA is eligible to receive this award.

Each member utility is eligible to submit one nomination from its own utility or another district for this award.

The final decision will be determined by the Awards Committee. The winner will be honored during the Annual Conference.

## **GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD**

The Good Samaritan Award will be given to a member PUD's employee, or employees, who in the past year demonstrated meritorious action in a life-threatening situation. More than one Good Samaritan may be nominated if involved in the same incident.

The nominations for this award may be made by the General Manager, Commissioners, or employee group.

The final decision will be determined by the Awards Committee. The winner(s) will be honored with a personal plaque during the Annual Conference.

## **WILLIAM T. ELMGREN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

This award pays tribute to the 50+ years of public service contributed by former Clark Public Utilities Commissioner William T. Elmgren.

Any full-time district employee below the general manager level who exemplifies PUD commitment and involvement in the community is eligible for nomination. Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Community service that addresses or improves the community's social, educational, cultural, economic, or environmental condition; including involvement in service clubs and volunteer work;
2. Governmental service activities, including membership such as city council, school boards, elected and appointed positions;
3. Professional/technical ability, leadership on the job, outstanding work performance, and relationship with fellow employees;
4. Offices held or leadership in local or other organizations; and
5. Other related activities.

A traveling plaque, engraved with each winner's name and year, is loaned to the utility to display in his or her district office. A second personal plaque is presented to the award winner to keep. In addition, a \$250 contribution is awarded by WPUDA to a local charity chosen by the recipient.

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## **HERITAGE LIFE MEMBER PROGRAM**

The Heritage Life Member program was established so that connections with former members, staff, and other special friends of the Association, are maintained to help retain their institutional knowledge and influence in their communities. Heritage Life Members are invited to certain Annual Conference functions and will receive the e-newsletter Friday Facts, and a directory.

Former PUD commissioners, general managers, PUD staff, WPUDA staff, and other special friends of the Association, having at least six years active with the Association are eligible for membership. The six-year prerequisite shall be considered a guideline and justifiable exceptions may be made.

WPUDA members and staff will be asked to submit the names of qualified individuals for consideration by the Awards Committee. New inductees will receive a plaque, lapel pin, and will be introduced at the Annual Conference Heritage Life Breakfast.

**WPUDA Annual Award Form**

**WPUDA Award:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINEE:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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PUD: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATOR:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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PUD: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Description of attributes (you may use a separate document)