

Dear SDSLHA Members,

The SDSLHA Board is seeking award nominations at this time. Recipients will be recognized at the fall SDSLHA Convention. Nominations that also meet ASHA or ASHFoundation nomination requirements will be submitted to ASHA/ASHAFoundation for consideration in the upcoming nominations periods. Deadline for submission to SDSLHA is **October 1, 2019**. Submit your nominations to Julie Holiday, SDSLHA Past-President, at julenejoy@hotmail.com with the Subject Line *Call for Awards Nominations*.

Please consider submitting nominations for the following awards:

Honors of the Association. The Honors of the Association recognizes members for their distinguished contributions to the discipline of communication sciences and disorders and is the highest honor the Association bestows.

The award recognizes those individuals whose contributions have been of such excellence that they have enhanced or altered the course of the professions. It may be awarded to an individual whose contributions have been confined to a single area of achievement. The quality of the achievement and their impact on the professions are considered of greater importance than the nominee's length of service. Members are encouraged to nominate individuals who are well-known throughout the state for a lifetime of innovative clinical practice, insightful and rigorous research, creative administration, effective legislative activity, outstanding teaching or other distinguished professional contributions.

Required Components

- Nominee's contact information
- Nominator's contact information
- A sponsor who is an SDSLHA member in good standing
- Information and/or documentation that support the nominee's distinguished contribution to the field of speech, language, and/or hearing which has enhanced or altered the course of the professions

Distinguished Service Award. The Distinguished Service Award is designed to recognize significant contributions to the professions of speech-language pathology and/or audiology by living persons who are not members of SDSLHA. Nominees may include: 1) an individual; 2) a group of individuals; or 3) a non-profit organization. Domestic and international individuals and organizations are eligible.

Nominees should make, or have made, a major contribution to the Association, the professions of audiology and/or speech-language pathology, or consumerism in one or more of the following areas:

- consumer advocacy
- legislative or other governmental affairs activity
- public awareness
- research
- service to the Association

- service to the community

Required Components

- Nominee's contact information
- Nominator's contact information
- A sponsor who is an SDSLHA member in good standing
- Sponsor has provided the following factual information in support of the nominee:
 - Sponsor's letter of support describing who has benefited from the contribution(s) of the nominee
 - Statement as to why the nominee should receive this award

Dorothy Dreyer Award for Volunteerism. This award recognizes an individual who has made **significant and outstanding volunteer contributions** to SDSLHA and serves as a model of volunteerism to others. The award acknowledges the volunteer time and efforts of current members including those who, through employment and/or life constraints, may not have been afforded the opportunity to hold one of the highest elected positions in the Association.

Individuals may be nominated for exceptional contributions that have had subsequent impact on the professions, SDSLHA members, and clients. These contributions may have occurred over a defined period of time or over a period of many years and may include service on various committees, boards, councils, and/or Board of Directors.

Required Components

- Nominee's contact information
- Nominator's contact information
- Sponsor and nominee are SDSLHA members in good standing
- Sponsor has provided factual information in support of the nominee as follows:
 - Sponsor's letter of support addresses the nominee's credentials, why the volunteer activities are considered exceptional, and the subsequent impact of the work of the nominee on the professions
 - Support statements/letters from others may be included
 - Brief professional vita

ASHFoundation State Clinical Achievement Award. This award recognizes contributions to advancing knowledge in clinical practice in audiology or speech-language pathology within the past six years. The Louis M. DiCarlo Award for Recent Clinical Achievement recipient is selected from this group of State Clinical Achievement Award recipients. The DiCarlo Award recipient will receive a \$2,500 award! The DiCarlo Award is a memorial recognition of Louis M. DiCarlo, who had a long and distinguished clinical career in communication sciences and disorders before his death in 1996 at 93.

Nominees are not limited to any one type of clinical achievement or activity, and past nominees are eligible. However, the achievement must be specific, well defined, and clearly within the last six years. Eligible activities or accomplishments include, but are not restricted to, the following examples:

- A single achievement with a client or group of clients.
- A specific clinical service or training program.
- A specific achievement in a state or local organization or government agency activity.
- A specific accomplishment in clinical teaching, research, or administration.

Examples of past recognized projects include a new treatment technique, an innovative urban service-delivery program, new clinical research, a training video addressing an unmet need, a multicultural parent training program, a unique hospital program, and a successful state legislative initiative.

Required Components:

- Nominee's contact information
- Nominator's contact information
- Recent Achievement: Identify the year(s) of recent, specific achievement, which must be within the last six years. The nominator must give the rationale if the recent achievement spans more than one year.
- Summary Statement: In three sentences or fewer, state why you are nominating this person for the award.

After a review of nominees, the SDSLHA Board will contact you to gather information and complete the nomination process.

ASHFoundation Rolland J. Van Hattum Award for Contribution in the Schools.

The ASHFoundation Rolland J. Van Hattum Award for Contribution in the Schools recognizes an individual's exemplary commitment and contribution to the delivery of audiology and/or speech-language pathology services within a school setting.

The Van Hattum Award is a memorial recognition of Rolland J. Van Hattum, who had a long and distinguished career providing audiology and speech-language pathology services and support in the schools. He believed strongly in the dedication and professionalism of his colleagues in the schools and, until his death in 1987, continued to advocate for the support and recognition of their achievements.

The awardee receives a plaque and an award of \$2,000. In addition, the recipient's school system will receive \$500 to further the awarded work.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Eligible activities or achievements include, but are not limited to:

- The conduct of exemplary clinical services, supervision, or research in a school setting.
- The development of an innovative program (e.g., clinical, training) in a school setting, with an emphasis on those that are replicable.
- The promotion or enhancement of public or private support for audiology and speech-language pathology services in the schools.

The following specific eligibility criteria should be addressed in the nomination:

- The nominee must be an audiologist or speech-language pathologist employed by a school system (e.g., serving pre-K through high school setting). Excludes individual or agency contractors.
- The contribution for which the individual is nominated must have been made within a school system.
- The nominee's commitment to the delivery of services in the schools must be evidenced by a specific activity or achievement, or a series of related integrated activities resulting in the achievement of a common goal.
- The contribution of the nominee must make a direct, observable, and demonstrable impact.
- The nominee's commitment and contribution to the delivery of services in the schools must be clearly identified as outstanding (e.g., innovative; creative in use of resources; collaborative).

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Nominators are asked to provide the following information:
 - a. Nominee's contact information
 - b. Nominator's contact information
 - c. Summary Statement: In three sentences or fewer, state why you are nominating the individual, highlighting the specific achievement.
2. Nomination Narrative (addressed to "Review Panel"): Provide a brief biographical introduction to the nominee, summarizing educational and career activities.
 - a. Specific Contribution: Describe the nominee's contribution to the advancement of audiology and/or speech-language pathology service delivery in the school setting. Address the following specific areas, *using these statements as narrative headers*.
 - The nature of the individual's contribution (i.e., primary contribution and related achievements).
 - The way in which the individual's contribution is outstanding and unique.
 - The direct impact (both short term and long term) and significance of the contribution.
 - The target population served by the activity or achievement.
 - b. Case for Support: Provide evidence of support for the nomination through letters, statements, or a combination of both. These testimonial documents should be from audiologists, speech-language pathologists, or related professionals and, where appropriate, from a recipient of services (or a family member of the individual served).

SDSLHA will work with you to compile the required information and format the nominating information to meet ASHA's requirements if appropriate. Your nominations are due to the SDSLHA Board by October 1, 2019 to allow us time to gather information and select recipients for state-level awards.