

2021 Annual Award Nomination Form

Deadline for Nominations is November 16, 2021

Many people throughout the State of Washington labor long hours, in a variety of ways, with little recognition to further the mission of NAMI. While it is nearly impossible to single out only a few stars from our band of dedicated volunteers, advocates, and supporters, we would like your help in finding some stellar folks to honor. Please be detailed in why you think your nominee should be honored with a state-wide award! The NAMI Washington Award Ceremony will be held virtually on December 13, 2021

Name of Nominee: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check the Award which applies to this nominee (DESCRIPTIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE):

- Criminal Justice Award
- Educator of the Year Award
- Employer of the Year Award
- Faith Community Award of the Year
- John Freeburg Consumer Advocate of the Year Award
- Leadership Award
- Media Award
- Moore Campbell Mental Health Award
- Outstanding Partner Award
- Program of the Year Award
- Provider of the Year Award
- Public Service Award
- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Youth Community Program of the Year Award

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Your NAMI Affiliate: _____

Please tell us why your nominee should be honored by NAMI Washington:

(Please be detailed – what has their service contributed to your affiliate or NAMI WA and/or the cause we serve? How long have they helped? What else can you say? You are welcome to use additional space).

Please return this form to Lauren Simonds, Lsimonds@namiwa.org, or mail to 1107 NE 45th St., Suite 330, Seattle, WA 98105 by November 16, 2021

2021 Award Categories

Criminal Justice Award: Recognizes an individual or group in the area of criminal justice which has demonstrated through action a strong commitment to the decriminalization of mental illness through Crisis Intervention Training, Jail Diversion program, Mental Health Courts, or other innovative programs and projects which decriminalize mental illness.

Educator of the Year Award: Recognizes an individual or organization which works in the schools to support children with mental illness to succeed, and includes families at the table.

Employer of the Year Award: Recognizes an employer that has demonstrated support for hiring and retaining people with mental illness; has taken extraordinary measures to educate its employees about mental illness; or has created a supportive workplace for families who have a loved one with mental illness.

Faith Community of the Year Award: Recognizes a faith community that has reached out to include people with mental illness and their families, and that has worked to decrease the stigma of mental illness.

John Freeburg Consumer Advocate of the Year Award: Recognizes a person living with mental illness who has shown leadership on behalf of NAMI Washington or a NAMI Washington Affiliate by supporting and advocating for others living with mental illness.

Leadership Award: Recognizes an individual who has given generously of their time, spirit, resources and skills for NAMI Washington or a NAMI Washington Affiliate in a leadership capacity.

Media Award: Recognizes an individual or organization which has been instrumental in reducing the stigma associated with mental illness, reporting on the needs of people with mental illness or effectively portraying the stories of people with mental illness and their families.

Moore Campbell Mental Health Award: This award recognizes a group or individual who has honored the legacy of author and activist Bebe Moore Campbell by meaningfully improving the access of communities of color to mental health support, care, education, and/or services.

Outstanding Partner Award: Recognizes an organization that has supported NAMI or a NAMI Affiliate through such things as free/reduced office space, materials, support group space, program operations.

Program of the Year Award: Recognizes an innovative non-Signature program sponsored by a NAMI Washington Affiliate which addresses/provides excellent services and/or supports to people with mental illness and their families.

Provider of the Year Award: Recognizes an organization that provides mental health services which has demonstrated consumer/client focused excellence, respect, and best practices, including consumer/client feedback.

Public Service Award: Recognizes an individual OR a local, state or federal government employee who demonstrates leadership and commitment to improving the mental health system – not legislators.

Volunteer of the Year Award: Recognizes an individual who has given generously of their time, resources and energy as a volunteer either to NAMI Washington or a NAMI Washington Affiliate.

Youth Community Program of the Year: Recognizes a program focused on youth mental health education offered by a community group or organization.