



THE JAYNE THOMAS GRASSROOTS VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD & THE SARGENT SHRIVER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

AWARDS OVERVIEW

National Community Action Month is a great time to consider potential nominees for the Community Action Partnership's **Sargent Shriver Achievement** and **Jayne Thomas Grassroots Volunteer Recognition Awards**—which honor outstanding program participants and volunteers respectively.

- **The Sargent Shriver Achievement Award** recognizes and honors achievements by individuals who, with the assistance of a Community Action Agency, have changed their lives and achieved economic stability. The Award is named for Sargent Shriver, the first director of the federal Office of Economic Opportunity.
- **The Jayne Thomas Grassroots Volunteer Recognition Award** recognizes and honors volunteers who have shown outstanding dedication and made extraordinary contributions to a Community Action Agency. The Award is named after Jayne Thomas, who was an outstanding Community Action leader with Total Action Against Poverty in Roanoke, Virginia, and the state's Community Services Block Grant director.

2015 Sargent Shriver Achievement Award NOMINATION

Nominate Your Local heros DEADLINE JUNE 5, 2015

The **Sargent Shriver Achievement Award** was established by the Community Action Partnership in 1995 to recognize and honor achievements by individuals who, with the assistance of a Community Action Agency, have changed their lives and achieved independence. The Award is named for Sargent Shriver, the first director of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The Sargent Shriver Achievement Award represents what Community Action is all about: Helping people and changing lives.

Community Action Agencies have been honoring “achievers” by opening doors and leading the way from poverty to independence. Every CAA has success stories of program participants. With this award, the Community Action Partnership seeks to honor those individuals who have turned hope into reality.

Eligibility Criteria

The individual nominated must have:

- Changed his or her life and achieved economic self-sufficiency with the assistance of a Community Action Agency; and
- Contributed to improving his or her community through advocacy, volunteerism, public service, or some other vehicle.

Nomination Procedure

Community Action Partnership members may nominate a candidate by submitting the following:

- Official nomination form
- A narrative of no more than two pages demonstrating the nominee’s eligibility for this award
- Supporting material (e.g., press clippings, articles, letters, or photos)

Please adhere to the nomination guidelines to ensure the candidate’s eligibility. The nomination packet must include the official nomination form, narrative, and letter of support.

We strongly encourage you to resubmit the names of individuals who have been nominated for this award in previous years. ***If your state or agency recognizes special volunteers during National Community Action Month, or at any time during the year, please submit their names as nominees for the Sargent Shriver Achievement Award.***

If your nominee is selected, the Community Action Partnership will request that you provide a two-minute videotape featuring your award nominee. We will share this video of the award recipient during the Awards Gala at the 2015 Community Action Partnership Annual Convention in San Francisco.

Selection

The executive director or CEO of the Community Action Agency for which the award recipient serves will be notified at least one month before the 2015 Annual Convention. The award is presented during the Awards Gala on Thursday, August 27. The Partnership provides a complimentary hotel room and convention registration for the award recipient.

***2015 Sargent Shriver Achievement Award* NOMINATION FORM**

*Nomination Form, narrative, and the letter(s) of support must be postmarked,
faxed, or emailed on or before Friday, June 4, 2015.*

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominated by: _____

Title of Nominator: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Send nominations to:

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2015 Jayne Thomas Grassroots Volunteer Recognition Award NOMINATION

Nominate Your Local Volunteers **DEADLINE JUNE 5, 2015**

The **Jayne Thomas Grassroots Volunteer Recognition Award** was established by the Community Action Partnership in 1988 to acknowledge exemplary achievements in support of Community Action.

The Award is named after Jayne Thomas, who was an outstanding community action leader with Total Action Against Poverty in Roanoke, Virginia, and the Community Services Block Grant director for that state.

The Jayne Thomas Grassroots Volunteer Recognition Award is given to an individual each year who has shown outstanding dedication and made extraordinary contributions to a Community Action Agency.

Eligibility Criteria

The candidate must:

- Be a volunteer for a Community Action Agency
- Have made a significant and outstanding contribution toward accomplishing the promise of Community Action
- Be devoted to changing people's lives

Nomination Procedure

Community Action Partnership members may nominate a candidate from their agency by submitting the following:

- Official nomination form
- A narrative of no more than two pages of demonstrated contributions indicating the following: length of service with the CAA; degree of leadership in the CAA and/or the community; extent and scope of agency or community volunteer service; advocacy efforts to change people's lives; outstanding contributions toward giving a voice to the poor.
- At least one letter of support from the CAA executive director or other agency staff member explaining how the nominee meets the award criteria and including clear, concise, and descriptive examples of activities and accomplishments.

Please adhere to the nomination guidelines to ensure the candidate's eligibility. The nomination packet must include the official nomination form, narrative, and letter of support.

We strongly encourage you to resubmit the names of individuals who have been nominated for this award in previous years. ***If your state or agency recognizes special volunteers during National Community Action Month, or at any time during the year, please submit their names as nominees for the Jayne Thomas Grassroots Volunteer Recognition Award.***

If your nominee is selected, the Community Action Partnership will request that you provide a two-minute videotape featuring your award nominee. We will share this video of the award recipient during the Awards Gala at the 2015 Community Action Partnership Annual Convention in San Francisco.

Selection

The executive director or CEO of the Community Action Agency for which the award recipient serves will be notified at least one month before the 2015 Annual Convention. The award is presented during the Awards Gala on Thursday, August 27. The Partnership provides a complimentary hotel room and convention registration for the award recipient.

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Name of Nominee: _____

Nominated by: _____

Title of Nominator: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Send nominations to:

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