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# *Crime Victims' Service Awards*

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As the discipline of crime victim services has grown over the years, so has the number of remarkable individuals and organizations that significantly contribute to its success. Today, the field includes countless people and programs that—through vision, action, and leadership—have improved the lives of victims in the aftermath of crime.



Submit nominations online at [www.ovc.gov/ncvrw](http://www.ovc.gov/ncvrw).

**T**he prestigious **National Crime Victim Service Award** honors extraordinary individuals and programs that provide services to victims of crime. The award recognizes programs and individuals whose work has been particularly noteworthy, and who exemplify the long-term commitment that characterizes many of our Nation's victim service providers, some of whom are also victims of crime.

The **Award for Professional Innovation in Victim Services** was instituted in 2001 in memory of Susan Laurence, an Office for Victims of Crime employee who helped professionals who had not traditionally served victims to develop effective victim responses. In her honor, this award recognizes

a program, organization, or individual who has helped to expand the reach of victims' rights and services.

The **Special Courage Award** recognizes an individual or individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary bravery in the aftermath of a crime or who have performed a courageous act on behalf of a victim or potential victim. The award may honor a victim or survivor who has exhibited exceptional perseverance or determination in dealing with his or her own victimization, or it may acknowledge an individual who has acted bravely either to aid a victim or to prevent a victimization.

The **Allied Professional Award** recognizes an individual or individuals from a specific discipline outside the victim assistance field for their service to

# Significance of the Awards



victims and/or contribution to the victims field.

First announced during the 2005 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Awards Ceremony, the **Ronald Wilson Reagan Public Policy Award** honors those whose leadership, vision, and innovation have led to significant changes in public policy and practice that benefit crime victims.

Many of the dedicated men and women who serve crime victims do so without compensation. The **Volunteer for Victims Award** honors individuals for their selfless efforts to reach out to victims. Examples of volunteerism include crisis counseling, court accompaniment, and emotional and material comfort.

The **Crime Victims Fund Award** recognizes individuals or teams for their outstanding work in pursuing federal criminal offenders and in imposing and collecting the criminal fines, forfeited bail bonds, penalty fees, and special assessments that constitute the Crime Victims Fund, and victim restitution.

Finally, the **Federal Service Award** honors federal employees for their direct service to victims of federal crime. The award recognizes a service provider's, professional's or volunteer's other exceptional contributions and extraordinary impact on behalf of victims in Indian Country, on military installations, in national parks, or in other areas governed by federal jurisdiction.

# Putting Victims First

**The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) shares your mission and annually recognizes individuals and organizations that demonstrate outstanding service in supporting victims and victim services.**

Past awards ceremonies have been presided over by the U.S. Attorney General and have been attended annually by approximately 500 crime victims and survivors, victim advocates, and allied professionals from around the Nation. Biographies and accomplishments of former

award recipients can be found on OVC's Web site.

If you have any questions about the award nomination or selection process, please submit them to "Ask OVC" at <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/askovc>.



## Submitting Nominations

Submit your nomination online at [www.ovc.gov/ncvrw](http://www.ovc.gov/ncvrw).

To request a hardcopy of the nomination form, contact the  
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