

National Crime Victim Service Awards

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to Victims*

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Solicitation Announcement

The Office for Victims of Crime invites you to submit a nomination for the *National Crime Victim Service Award*, the highest federal honor for victim advocacy, or the *Susan Laurence Memorial Award for Professional Innovation in Victim Services*. We encourage you to use your nomination to recognize programs and individuals who have made significant contributions to the crime victims field. Award recipients will be honored in Washington, D.C., as part of the federal commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Significance of the Awards

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 helped to improve the lives of victims in the aftermath of crime.

Each year, through the prestigious *National Crime Victim Service Award*, the Attorney General honors extraordinary programs and individuals who provide services to victims of crime. The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) within the U.S. Department of Justice coordinates the submission of nominations for programs and individuals whose efforts have been particularly innovative and pioneering and have exemplified the long-term commitment that characterizes many of our Nation's victim service providers, some of whom are themselves victims of crime. OVC also invites nominations for the *Susan Laurence Memorial Award for Professional Innovation in Victim Services*, which honors an organization, a program, or an individual who has helped to expand the reach of victims' rights and services into new areas. The award-winning nominees will be honored at a special ceremony commemorating National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Biographies and accomplishments of former award recipients can be found on OVC's home page at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc.

About the Office for Victims of Crime

OVC was created in 1984 and formally established by a 1988 amendment to the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to support services for crime victims and training and technical assistance for the field and to advocate for the fair treatment of victims. For more information about OVC, call the OVC Resource Center at 1-800-627-6872, or visit the OVC home page.

Nomination Guidelines

1. A nomination letter must accompany each nomination form. If you, the nominator, are affiliated with an organization, submit your nomination letter on official stationery, including your signature and position/title. Anonymous nominations will not be accepted.
2. Each nomination form must include the nominee's full name, date of birth, Social Security number, address, telephone number, signature, and, if possible, e-mail address. If you are nominating an organization, provide the full name, date of birth, Social Security number, address, telephone number, and signature of the individual who would accept the award.
3. Your nomination letter should not exceed two single-spaced, single-sided, letter-sized (8 1/2" x 11") pages. It should reflect what you know about your nominee's accomplishments and services in support of crime victims. The nomination letter in support of a *National Crime Victim Service Award* nominee should address each of the following questions:
 - ★ What accomplishments has the nominee made on behalf of crime victims?
 - ★ How long has the nominee been serving crime victims?
 - ★ If the nominee is a paid professional working with crime victims, how may his or her contributions qualify as "beyond the call of duty"?

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- ★ What is the impact of the nominee's service or program on the community or other jurisdictions?
- ★ How have the actions of the nominee influenced attitudes, policies, or practices in victim services?

The nomination letter in support of a *Susan Laurence Memorial Award for Professional Innovation in Victim Services* nominee should address each of the following questions:

- ★ What accomplishments has the nominee made on behalf of crime victims, and how are these accomplishments unique and original?
- ★ How has the nominee's work brought about change in new or nontraditional areas of victims' rights or services?
- ★ What is the impact of the nominee's service or program on the community or other jurisdictions?
- ★ How have the actions of the nominee influenced attitudes, policies, or practices in victim services?

4. Please provide any additional information about the individual or program you are nominating that should be considered in the review process. Supporting documentation, such as newspaper articles or résumés, can be attached if it is pertinent to the nominee's contributions. *Please note: Do not submit videos, bound publications, or notebooks. Supporting documentation will not be accepted without a nomination form.*

5. The entire nomination package, including supplemental information and letters of support, may not exceed 10 single-spaced, singled-sided, letter-sized pages. Nominations that exceed this limit will not be considered.

6. Please provide an original and four copies of the entire nomination package.

Please note: An organization, a program, or an individual may be nominated for both the National Crime Victim Service Award and the Susan Laurence Memorial Award for Professional Innovation in Victim Services. However, each nomination must be submitted on a separate nomination form (you may photocopy the nomination form).

Eligibility Guidelines

1. You may nominate one or more worthy candidates, including

- ★ Individuals.
- ★ Programs.
- ★ Networks or coalitions of individuals and/or programs.

2. Nominees can represent federal, state, local, or tribal professionals *and* volunteers in both direct victim services and allied professions.

3. Candidates nominated but not selected in previous years also are eligible for consideration.

4. Elected officials are *not* eligible for consideration.

Deadlines for Submitting Nominations

Your nomination form and supporting materials must be received no later than October 26, 2001. Mail your nomination package to

Office for Victims of Crime

Attention: National Crime Victims' Rights
Week Committee
810 Seventh Street NW.
Washington, DC 20531

Any Questions?

If you have any questions about the *National Crime Victim Service Award* or *Susan Laurence Memorial Award for Professional Innovation in Victim Services* nominations or selection processes, please contact Bill Brantley at 202-616-3574. The OVC fax number is 202-514-6383 or 202-305-2440.



NOMINATION FORM

(Please type or print clearly)

Nominee Information

If you are nominating an organization or program, please provide the information below for the individual who would accept the award on behalf of that organization or program.

Type of Award: *National Crime Victim Service Award*
 Susan Laurence Memorial Award for Professional Innovation in Victim Services

Name Individual Organization/Program

Mailing Address

City State ZIP Code

Telephone Number Fax Number E-Mail

Date of Birth: *Month* ____ *Day* ____ *Year* ____ Social Security Number _____

The nominee must sign below. Otherwise, the nomination will not be accepted for consideration. The signature authorizes the Office for Victims of Crime within the U.S. Department of Justice to conduct a criminal history background check.

Signature of Nominee

If the nominee is an organization or program, the signature of the individual authorized to accept the award is required.

The Office for Victims of Crime makes every effort to reach out to diverse communities. Supplying the following information about the nominee is *optional*.

RACE _____ GENDER _____ ETHNICITY _____ DISABILITY _____

PRIMARY AREA OF SERVICE: URBAN RURAL TRIBAL

Nominator Information

Name Title (if applicable)

Mailing Address

City State ZIP Code

Telephone Number Fax Number E-Mail

To the best of my knowledge, all of the information contained in this application is true and correct.

Signature of Nominator