

The Secretary's Award
for
Excellence in Nutrition for Older Pennsylvanians

This award recognizes people who work to enhance nutrition programs within Pennsylvania's aging network. This includes Department of Aging funded nutrition service program meals such as congregate meals served in senior community centers or satellite centers and home delivered meals served to homebound consumers.

Individuals or organizations which have made a commitment to improve the quality of health and life of older Pennsylvanians are eligible for this award.

Award Categories:

1. Individual
i.e., volunteer, staff, food service provider or advocate

2. Group
i.e., project, team or senior center

The Awards Presentation will be made at the Department of Aging/Office of Long-Term Living annual Nutrition Services Conference on Thursday, May 3, 2012. The individual (Award #1) and group representative (Award #2) and his/her guest will be invited to attend the awards luncheon for the presentation.

Requested information on the nominee(s) and nominator, plus some details regarding the nominee's contributions or what was accomplished is outlined on the nomination form on page 2. The information needs to be typed in the gray squares provided on the form. Click on the gray squares to begin typing the information. Please note that the gray squares on the form will expand as the information is added.

Nominations need to be e-mailed or faxed to:

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Questions may also be directed to:

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The deadline for nominations is Friday, January 13, 2012.

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The award nominations must be completed on this form. **Please be specific, yet concise.** The deadline for receipt of nominations is **Friday, January 13, 2012**. Please be sure to provide all of the information listed below. *Incomplete forms or nominations received after 4:00 PM on January 13, 2012 may be disqualified.*

1. State award category:

- Individual Award
 Group Award

2. Nominee Information:

Identify the individual responsible for the group project.

- Individual or Organization's Name:
- Work Address:
- Telephone Number:
- Email address:

3. Provide narrative statements that describe the following:

- Is this person a Volunteer or a Paid Employee
- If the nominee is a volunteer, the average number of hours volunteered:
 1-25 hours/month = 5 points 26-50 hours/month = 10 points
 51+ hours/month = 15 points
- If the nominee is a paid employee, the number of hours worked each year (worth 8-15 points):
 Part-time = 15 points Full-time = 8 points
- Describe leadership demonstrated in promotion of nutrition for older adults. For example: organizing delivery routes, training volunteers, or fostering community involvement. (worth 0-20 points) :
- Describe accomplishments or contributions in/for the Older Adults Nutrition Program which demonstrates one or more of the following. For example: solution increased center attendance, increased community awareness, or an improved way to meet home delivered meal consumer needs (worth 0-50 points) :
 - Innovation in practice (worth 10 points)
 - Implementation of a creative solution to a problem (worth 10 points)
 - Creation of a new approach to a service (worth 10 points)
 - Development of a unique collaborative effort (worth 10 points)
 - Positive/improved consumer outcomes (worth 10 points)
- Years of services to the AAA/network (worth 5-15 points)
 0-9 years = 5 points 10-19 years = 10 points
 20+years = 15 points

4. Nominator information:

- Nominator name and Agency name:
- Work address:
- Telephone number:
- Email address:

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