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Guidelines for the NGA Member of the Year Award

The Member of the Year Award honors a member of the National Guardianship Association (NGA) who exemplifies excellence in guardianship. In honoring the Member of the Year, NGA highlights superb accomplishments in the practice of guardianship, guardianship education and/or advocacy for best practices in guardianship.

In addition to the honor itself, the Member of the Year will be awarded one conference registration and travel costs up to $750. The conference registration must be used in the same year.

An applicant must be a member in good standing who:

- Participates in the field of guardianship as a professional guardian, family guardian or an allied professional (elder law attorney, judge, social worker, nursing home administrator, etc.) Nominees may also be volunteer or retired guardians.
- Practices and/or advocates for guardianship that reflects NGA's Standards of Practice
- Makes demonstrable contributions in policy, education, practice, program development, administration and/or research
- Demonstrates outstanding dedication to the guardianship community by volunteering with NGA and/or a state/local guardianship organization
- Contributes to a positive image for guardianship

Nominations:

- In 500 words or less, describe the applicant's achievements and contributions, with regard to the criteria above.
- Nominations from others are encouraged, but self-nominations will be considered.
- Members of NGA's board of directors and/or membership committee members are not eligible to receive the Member of the Year Award.

The NGA membership committee will review all nominations. The committee will choose three finalists and forward to the executive committee for a decision. The committee reserves the right to not present this award in any one year.

Nominations must be received no later than April 1.

Submit by email to info@guardianship.org or fax to 814-355-2452.