

# 2026 Call for Professional Awards Nominations

## How to Submit a Nomination for the CSWE 2026 Professional Awards Cycle

### **Question 1: During what time period can nominations be submitted?**

The nomination cycle begins on Monday, December 15, 2025, and ends at 11:59 pm (ET) on Monday, February 16, 2026.

### **Question 2: What are the names of these awards?**

- The **Significant Lifetime Achievement in Social Work Education Award** recognizes a social work educator's achievements over his or her entire career.
- The **Distinguished Recent Contributions to Social Work Education Award** recognizes a social work educator's achievements within the last 10 years.
- The **Early Career Faculty Service and Leadership in Social Work Education Award** recognizes a social work educator with fewer than 10 years of service excellence that advances, promotes, and provides a significant contribution to extend the reach of social work education. It acknowledges extraordinary leadership contributions that impact social work education locally, nationally, or globally.
- The **Established Faculty Service and Leadership in Social Work Education Award** recognizes a social work educator with 10 years or longer of service excellence that advances, promotes, and provides a significant contribution to extend the reach of social work education. It acknowledges extraordinary leadership contributions that impact social work education locally, nationally, or globally.
- The **Field Education/ Practicum Excellence in Innovation Award** recognizes a school/division/department of social work program (BSW, MSW, or both) that has demonstrated excellence in its field education/practicum. The award acknowledges exemplary contributions to the advancement of students in field education/ practicum.

### **Question 3: What are the nomination criteria for these awards?**

#### **Nomination Criteria for the Lifetime Achievement and Recent Contributions Awards**

These awards recognize the achievements of CSWE members. The following CSWE membership criteria are used in selecting recipients of either award.

- Nominee: active CSWE membership is required.
- Nominator: active CSWE membership is required.
- Letters of Support (two to five per nomination); active CSWE membership is required of at least two of the supporters.
- Nominees for the Lifetime Achievement Award should be known for exemplary achievements in research and scholarship, pedagogy and curriculum development, and organizational leadership.
- Nominees for the Recent Contributions Award should be exemplary in at least two of the following areas: research and scholarship, pedagogy and curriculum development, organizational leadership.

#### **Nomination Criteria for the Early Career Faculty and Established Faculty Awards**

These awards recognize the achievements of CSWE members. The following criteria are used in selecting recipients of this award.

- Nominee: active CSWE membership is required.
- Nominator: active CSWE membership is required.
- Letters of Support (two to five per nomination); active CSWE membership is required of at least two of the supporters.
- Nominees should be exemplary for distinguished service contributions and innovative leadership in advancing social work education locally, nationally, or globally.
- Early career nominees should have been in the faculty role fewer than 10 years.
- Established nominees should have been in the faculty role for 10 years or longer.

**Nomination Criteria for the Field Education/Practicum Excellence in Innovation Award**

This award recognizes a school/division/department of social work program (BSW, MSW, or both) that has demonstrated excellence in its field education/ practicum. The award acknowledges exemplary contributions to the advancement of students in field education/practicum.

- Demonstrated commitment to equity and social justice in practicum education programming (policies, practices).
- Clear collaboration across the curriculum to ensure integration of coursework into practicum.
- Documentation of regular engagement with agency field/practicum instructors and site supervisors.
- Documentation of innovative practicum supervision training, teaching practices, and/or field/practicum seminar development.

**Question 4: What are the nomination requirements?**

Nominees and nominators are each required to have active CSWE individual membership. In the case of nomination supporters (two to five per nomination), active CSWE membership is required for at least two of them. To verify a person's eligibility for those roles, please email the [CSWE Membership membership@CSWE.org](mailto:CSWE Membership membership@CSWE.org). A nomination consists of the following set of materials.

1. Nominee's curriculum vita (CV)
2. Letters of support from two to five persons. Active CSWE membership is required of at least two of the supporters.

**Question 5: What are the names of the past award recipients?**

Please select [Past Awardees](#) to view a list by award type of the previous award recipients.

**Question 6: How are nominations submitted?**

The nomination materials will be submitted using the [online CSWE 2026 Professional Awards](#)

**Application system.** Each nominator will first select the award type, enter the nominee's contact information, provide the nominator's contact information, and upload the required nomination materials. The nomination cycle opens on Thursday, December 15, 2025, and will close at 11:59 pm (ET) on Monday, February 16, 2026.

**Question 7: When will the award selections be announced?**

The awardees will be announced in May 2026.

**Question 8: When will the 2026 awards be presented?**

The 2026 awards will be presented during the 2026 Annual Conference, which will be held October 22-25, 2026 in Atlanta, GA.

**Question 9: How should additional questions about these awards be routed?**

Please transmit your questions electronically to Monica Wylie at [mwylie@cswe.org](mailto:mwylie@cswe.org).

The CSWE Board of Directors Recognition and Awards Committee look forward to receiving this year's nominations.

Sincerely,

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