



2022 Philip W. Miller Award of Excellence Announcement

The Louisiana Housing Council (LHC) is honoring the work and dedication of long time Housing Champion, Mr. Philip W. Miller, by awarding a deserving individual the “Philip W. Miller Award of Excellence” biannually during the LHC Fall Conference. The LHC Nominating committee will consider nominees who exemplify and promote excellence in Housing, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and management procedures.

In 2008, LHC awarded the first Philip W. Miller Award of Excellence to Philip himself to recognize his accomplishments. Philip was a charter member of LHC in 1962 and served as its President for three terms. He served as the Southwest NAHRO President and also served several terms on the National Board of Governors. In addition, Philip served as the LHC representative to the Louisiana Housing & Finance Agency Board of Commissioners for many years. His personal ability, integrity, and leadership skills were pivotal in the success of LHC and the entire arena of affordable housing in Louisiana. Philip’s outstanding skills were also evidenced in other civic organization activities such as the Presidency of Board of Regents for the Louisiana Boys’ Village, Lions Club, Master of Iowa Masonic Lodge 451, SW District Livestock Show & Rodeo Board, and as Mayor of Iowa, LA. This award honoring Philip is given biannually to a person who has shown the same personal commitment-going above and beyond- to ensure the success and future of housing and redevelopment of our communities. The Philip W. Miller Award of Excellence is designed to be the most prestigious award an individual can receive from the Louisiana Housing Council.

This application along with a narrative description of the nominee as outlined by the application criteria, and any supporting documentation, should be submitted to:

**Ms. Pamela Fontenot, Chairperson
Philip W. Miller Award of Excellence
P. O. Box 730
Iowa, LA 70647**

POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS JULY 31, 2022

Applications will be reviewed by the sitting LHC Nominating Committee, and the winner will be honored at the 2022 LHC Fall Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana in September at the Philip W. Miller Award of Excellence Banquet.

The individual making the nomination will be responsible for assisting the committee with any video presentation at the award ceremony should their nominee win, if necessary.

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Nominee: _____ **Length of Service:** _____

Nominee Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **Email:** _____

Nominated by: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **Email:** _____

Required:

Narrative:

The entry must contain a full narrative description of the nominee including his or her current position and title, length of service with the agency and the name of the agency he/she works at. Submit a resume along with this requirement. The nomination should highlight the accomplishments of the nominee in the Housing community and in other civic organizations as relate to the housing industry. In addition to the narrative required, newspaper articles, pictures or other supporting documents MAY be submitted. All information is subject to verification.

The award recognizes the cumulative achievements of a professional who throughout his or her career has served as a role model for others and has consistently exhibited the highest professional standards so the narrative must describe how he/she has met this achievement.

The nominee must have been employed by a Housing Agency at the time the work being was performed but may now be retired. The nominee must possess a minimum of 20 years of experience in the housing industry, ***which may include but is not limited to public housing, low income tax credit, and other affordable housing.*** The narrative of the nomination must document how the nominee meets this requirement.

The narrative should list the nominees' education and any other pertinent background information that will assist in the evaluation of their achievements. As an example, narrative should list any awards or citations from Housing and Civic Organizations (including LHC) and provide a copy of the citation, if available. Narrative should note if this is a local, state, regional, or national chapter of the organization. The focus should be on Housing and/or related organizations.

The award may be given posthumously to a qualified nominee. If such a nominee is made, the narrative nomination should include the name and contact information for the family member who will accept on behalf of the nominee.

A monetary award of \$1,500 will be given to a charitable organization of the recipient's choice. Funds will be paid directly by LHC treasurer to the recipient organization. This information will be determined after award is made.

Attachments:

The nomination must have the following letters of reference attached:

- One Personal Reference from a non-family member.
- One Professional Reference from a Housing Resource, not employed by the same agency where the nominee is employed at currently-but can be a past employer. (Not required to be a PHA or Section 8 Agency-may be another Housing resource agency)
- One Professional Reference from a related Civic or Political Organization

Please note that all reference letters should contain contact details for the individual making the reference.

Evaluation:

1. Individual's demonstration of exceptional Leadership in housing industry – 20 Points
2. Strong advocacy for housing demonstrated – 20 Points
3. Contributions made to improve housing services, operation or other government services – 20 Points
4. Individual Integrity – Dedication to organization and program it serves – 20 Points
5. Major contributions to the success of National, Regional, and State NAHRO Committees, Boards/Steering Groups – 20 Points

Evaluation will be made by the sitting LHC Nomination Committee. The committee reserves the right to forego making an award in any one year if no appropriate applications are received. All awards and nominations will be kept secret to protect the integrity of the award process

Note: Please attach this document to Narrative along with any cover sheet and/or other documentation.