



American Planning Association
Mississippi Chapter

2021 MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER PLANNING AWARDS

Planning Advocate

Overview

This award honors an individual appointed or elected official who has advanced or promoted the cause of planning in the public arena. Examples include engaged citizens demonstrating outstanding leadership in a community, region, or state; members of planning commissions, board of appeals, economic development boards, environmental or historic preservation councils, or other appointed officials; elected officials holding office at the local, regional, or state level; and citizen activists or neighborhood leaders.

Eligibility

Open to APA members and non-APA members. Individuals may not self-nominate and cannot earn their living as a planner.

Criteria

- Planning context. Describe the context within which the nominee is or has been associated with the planning profession. List the amount of time the nominee has served in their role and describe any relevant major accomplishments the nominee has achieved. Detail any education and/or training the nominee has received related to planning.
- Support of planning and planners. Illustrate how the nominee's work has increased public understanding of the planning process. Indicate how the nominee has shown a clear understanding of, and support for, the role of planners in public life.
- Effectiveness and results. Describe the extent that the nominee has been effective in formulating and implementing plans and ideas in support of good planning. Identify the level of influence and effectiveness achieved by the nominee within different segments of the community.

Instructions

Please include the following information in a shareable cloud folder (Dropbox, OneDrive, Google Drive, Box, etc.) and email the folder's URL to Gray Ouzts, AICP at gouzts@cmpdd.org no later than 11:59 p.m. CST on **Wednesday, September 8, 2021**:

- A completed Nomination Form, including Nomination Summary of no more than 300 words.
- A narrative no longer than 1 page (12 point font, 1" margins) that addresses each of the criteria listed above. Please list each of the criteria as a sub-heading in the narrative.
- Support documentation, including newspaper articles, newsletters, and other materials highlighting the accomplishments and evidence of work in which the nominee is or has been engaged.
- Five (5) high-resolution copyright-free .JPG images of the nominee, including one head shot.
- A one-page press release to be used if selected for the award.
- High-resolution .JPG logos of any entities represented by the nominee (if applicable).

NOMINATION FORM

Planning Advocate

Nominator Name: _____

Nominator Email: _____ Phone: _____

Nominee Name: _____

Nominee Position (i.e. job title, volunteer role, board or commission position, etc.):

Nominee Location (City, Town, etc.): _____

Nomination Summary (300 word max):

Nominator Signature: _____

Date: _____