

July 1, 2009

Dear Colleague,

The North American Task Force for Field Education has established a special award, **THE HEART OF SOCIAL WORK AWARD** to recognize and acknowledge excellence in our partners in social work field education, the agency based field instructor. The impetus for this special award resulted from discussions with Field directors across the country, and was briefly discussed at the Network Meeting in Atlanta. The first awards were made in March, 1995, at the CSWE Annual Program Meeting (APM) in San Diego. The recipients honored, in the years since, were outstanding in their contributions to field education and the social work profession. We will again recognize awardees representing both BASW and MSW levels while considering the geographical diversity that makes up our network.

The application process is meant to be simple and non-time consuming. A copy of the application form is attached for each Director of Field at all BASW and MSW level programs throughout the United States and Canada. Nominations for the 2009 **HEART OF SOCIAL WORK AWARD** may be made by Directors of Field or Field Liaisons/Field Education Faculty. Schools may select to nominate only one candidate from their pool of field instructors.

In completing the enclosed nomination form, please address each of the three areas outlined: (Do not send resumes)

Skill in field instruction and teaching (1 page)

Service to the University / School / Program (1 page)

Creativity and Innovation in Field Instruction (1 page)

It is important that you keep your submission to a maximum of 4 pages. Nominees will be reviewed and award decisions made by a committee of Directors of Field Education, representing diverse regions and program levels throughout the United States and Canada. We will present the awards at the 2009 CSWE Annual Program Meeting in San Antonio, Texas (November 6-9, 2009). For more information regarding the APM go to www.cswe.org. We look forward to seeing you and continuing our tradition of awarding the **HEART OF SOCIAL WORK**. Please submit nominations by **August 14, 2009**.

Sincerely,

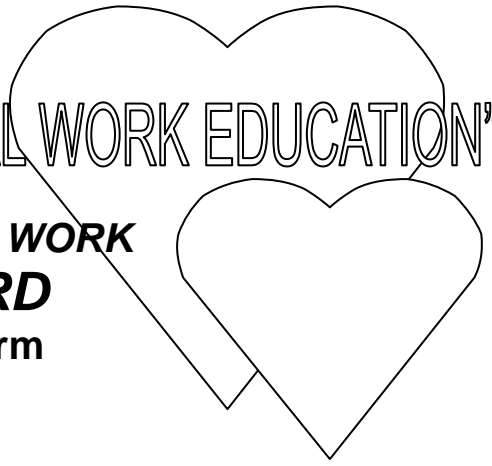


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**HEART OF SOCIAL WORK
2009 AWARD
Nomination Form**



Name of Nominee: _____

Agency Affiliation: _____

**University / School
Affiliation:** _____
**Number of Years as
Field Instructor:** _____

**Nomination
Submitted By:** _____

Title: _____

Phone: () _____

E-mail: _____

**University / School
Affiliation:** _____
**School
Address:** _____

Please attach a brief description of skill and expertise demonstrated by this nominee. Limit submission to four (4) pages. Submit Nomination Forms to:

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SUBMIT BY August 14, 2009