

Pat (Patricia) McDonald Distinguished Community Involvement Award - Submission Form

Submissions must be received no later than March 6, 2026 to be eligible. NO EXCEPTIONS.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

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Pat (Patricia) McDonald Distinguished Community Involvement Award

Established (2000) in memory of Pat McDonald to recognize Public Works professionals who are also leaders in their community. To encourage Public Works professionals to become active leaders in their community. To instill public trust through recognition of outstanding community leadership by Public Works professionals. To set the example for other Public Works professionals to emulate.

This award was created to recognize individuals within the Public Works profession who perpetuate the spirit and unselfish devotion and commitment to one's community that was exemplified by Pat McDonald during her lifetime.

Submission Information

NOTE: This Submission Form cannot be submitted until all information requested below has been completed.

Sections 3 to 7 have required field entries - If a field is not applicable, enter "n/a".

Pat (Patricia) McDonald Distinguished Community Involvement Award Criteria

This information will be used by the Awards Committee judging panel to assess the content of the submission and ultimately to determine the winner for this award.

Please ensure to address all applicable criteria in your responses.

Word Counts. Where a maximum word count is specified, the following character limits apply as a general guide:

250 words ≈ 1,600 characters

300 words ≈ 2,000 characters

500 words ≈ 3,300 characters

2. Please describe how this person is an active leader in the community, demonstrated through volunteering significant time and/or resources to work with charitable organizations; community service groups; or has participated in significant community projects or programs which improve the quality of life in the community. *(max. 250 words)* *

3. Please describe how this person is a positive role model for other Public Works professionals. *(max. 250 words)* *

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Nominee & Biography

Please provide a description of nominee and their personal public works career story. Please also include a headshot in the Digital Media Upload (section 10 of the form).

4. **Name of Nominee.** *

5. **Biography (max. 300 words)** *

Nominee Contact Info

6. **Title** *

7. **Agency/ Organization** *

8. **Phone** *

9. **Email** *

Nominating Representative

The candidate can be nominated by the OPWA Chapter, its Branches, OPWA members or a managing public agency.

10. **Contact Person** *

11. **Title ***

12. **Agency/ Organization ***

13. **Phone Number ***

14. **Email ***

Certificate Requirements

OPWA will provide one (1) framed certificate for this award to the winning nominee.

Digital Media Upload

Each award submission is permitted a maximum of three (3) digital uploads (photos), including one (1) headshot (high resolution) of the nominee.

15. **photo format:** (.jpg or .png, no larger than 10 MB)

photo file naming: *award name(in 2wrds)_project name(in 4wrds)_photo#*

Files submitted:

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