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League of United Latin American Citizens

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) values extraordinary voluntary activities contributing to the wellbeing of our country's citizenry by the uniformed services and civilians of DOD, VA, NOAA and HHS who support those in uniform. In recognition of individual and team contributions to our fellow citizens, The League of United Latin American Citizens requests nominations for its Uniformed Services Public Service Awards in accordance with the following criteria.

# **Award Application**

Purpose

To recognize excellence in public service in the advancement of education, economic, health and diversity accomplishments, particularly within underrepresented populations of the Nation. Awards are provided to recognize these achievements to members in the uniformed services and civilians of the *United States Army, United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Air Force, United States Space Force, United States National Guard, United States Coast Guard, the Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps.* 

#### **Award Criteria**

- **1. Eligibility** Uniformed Services (Individuals and/or Teams) and Civilians (Individuals and/or Teams) are eligible to compete for Awards. We suggest that all DoD components submit award nominations for both Civilian and Uniformed Services. Self-nominations are not accepted.
- **2. Activity Period** A minimum of one year of service is required for consideration.
- **3. Description of the Activity** Briefly describe the situation or context of a project, program or challenge that was addressed and any relevant stakeholders. Focus on community activities and/ or work that affects the advancement of education, economic, health and diversity accomplishments, in the community. Use specific examples and do not be vague. Indicate the date started and if completed, the end date.

- **4. Action Taken** Describe the exact actions taken as an individual or by a team that made a significant contribution within the Purpose of the Award. Refrain from vague or ambiguous statements.
- **5. Impact of Activity** Explain the results and impact of an individual or a team's action describe why what they did mattered, how it made a difference and/or whom it affected. Think about how the work performed is part of a bigger picture and if and how it impacted a community.

### **Submission Requirements**

Nominations must be sent via email to <u>awards@lulac.org</u>, include "2023 Excellence in Service" in your subject line. The nominations must be received <u>no later than</u> Friday, April 28, 2023, 5:00pm eastern.

Nomination packages are to be submitted by forwarding endorsements certifying the nomination(s) and acknowledging that the submitting agency will fund the awardee/s travel, and the award presentation for the individual or team.

#### **Format**

Nominee and Nominating Official's Information:

#### a. Nominee Information

- Nominee Name The name of the nominee should read as it should show on the award. Please make sure the information is accurate, as we will use the information to inscribe the name on the award if selected. Please note that changes cannot and will not be made on awards once you supply the information.
- Position Rank/Title/Grade
   Organizational Component/Agency-Command/Organization
   Mailing Address We ask that you supply a complete USPS delivery address
   E-mail address(s)

Biography - Please submit a biography of no more than half a page. If a team submission, please provide a summary description of their collective talents, and range of service.

Photograph - Submit a chest-high portrait in color – JPG format at 300 dpi resolution. If the image is of a team, submit a group photograph waist-high in color to awards@lulac.org.

Please note that all photos should be submitted as a separate, individual file to awards@lulac.org. Once awardees are selected, all uniformed services nominees <u>MUST</u> submit a photo in uniform. Civilians must submit a photo in Business attire.

# a. Nominating Official Information

Position Rank/Title/Grade
Organizational Component/Agency-Command/Organization
Mailing Address - We ask that you supply a complete USPS delivery address
• E-mail address(s)
1. Description of Activity - Should be a quarter of a page or less.
2. Action Taken - Should be a half a page or less.

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## **Award Notification and Attendance Requirements**

Both the **nominating officers** and the award recipients will be notified via email no later **Friday, June 16th. Nominating** *member* will be informed before the selected nominee/ awardee. The reason for contacting the nominating officer before the awardee is to provide him/ her with the opportunity to advise/congratulate the awardee before being contacted by the LULAC representative. *Awardees* will be contacted immediately after the nominating officer has congratulated/shared the information with the awardee.

Once the nominating official and/or organization representative have been informed they should secure the necessary funding for award recipients. All awardees must be present to receive their award and must attend the rehearsal meeting.

We also recommend that awardees register and attend the LULAC Federal Training Institute SES and Leadership Development Training. The calendar will be provided as it becomes available.

# **Award Ceremony Date and Location**

The Excellence in Service-Public Service Award Ceremony will take place between July 31st to August 5th in Albuquerque, New Mexico during the 94th LULAC National Convention and Exposition's Defenders of Freedom event. All nominating awardee components will receive additional information regarding ceremony in a follow up email as the date approaches.

Nominating officials are encouraged to attend and participate in the ceremony. Award recipients may invite a guest to the Ceremony. Additional information will be provided once the awardees are selected and notified.



# Attendance Requirement Acknowledgement

I, , certify the nomination(s) and acknowledge that the submitting agency will fund the awardee/s travel, training and per diem for the Federal Training Institute, and the award presentation for the individual or team.

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If you require additional information please contact us via email at awards@lulac.org or contact Sara Clemente at sclemente@lulac.org.

Signature	Date