

National Sheriffs' Association



2011 Awards

Ferris E. Lucas Award for Sheriff of the Year

This award recognizes a sheriff who has made outstanding contributions to law enforcement and the criminal justice profession, demonstrates exceptional service to their community, and has contributed to the betterment of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA).

Purpose

To establish a prestigious national award for an active sheriff who has performed the duties of his or her office in the highest professional manner as well as enhance the Office of Sheriff. The award is given in memory and honor of Ferris E. Lucas, who served as President of the National Sheriffs' Association (1944-1946) and Executive Director of the National Sheriffs' Association (1964-1982).

Sponsorship

Pursuit Productions and the National Sheriffs' Association

Awards Panel

Comprised of (a) past winners of this award and (b) several persons (non-sheriffs) appointed by NSA's President, who are associated with law enforcement and familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Sheriff.

Categories

An award will be given to an active sheriff, who is a member in good standing of the National Sheriffs' Association, from any city/county Office of the Sheriff.

Criteria

This award is intended to recognize a sheriff who has shown unusual initiative and imagination in the performance of his/her duty. Long years of service are a consideration, but not the determining factor. Any involvement in the community that goes beyond the responsibilities of the office will be considered. Those actions the sheriff took to improve the stature of the Office of Sheriff locally and statewide, as well as any contributions on the national level and to NSA will be given a high priority.

Qualifications

A candidate must be a full-time sheriff; a member in good standing of the NSA; and a member of his/her state sheriffs' association.

Application

Complete the attached form and submit with supporting documentation listed below. **All applications must be submitted to your State Association for review and the State Association will submit to NSA.**

The nomination must include the following:

- Description of meritorious activities (500 words):
- Description of major accomplishments (500 words):
- Description of involvement with state as well as National Sheriffs' Association (500 words)
- Nominee's resume (mandatory)
- State Sheriff's Association Endorsement or Letter of Recommendation (mandatory)
- Letters of reference (mandatory)
- News media press releases/articles (if pertinent, do not include video-tapes.)
- Reports (if pertinent)

Charles "Bud" Meeks Award for Deputy Sheriff of the Year

This award recognizes a deputy sheriff who has made outstanding contributions to law enforcement and his/her agency or who has demonstrated conspicuous bravery in the performance of his/her duties.

Purpose

To establish a prestigious national award to recognize an individual(s) who has made significant contributions or accomplishments directly related to law enforcement. The award is given in memory and honor of Charles "Bud" Meeks, who served as Sheriff of Allen County, Indiana, (1975-1982) and Executive Director of the National Sheriffs' Association (1989-1997, 2000).

Sponsorship

Motorola and the National Sheriffs' Association

Awards Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the NSA Awards Committee.

Categories

An award will be given to a deputy sheriff(s) from any city/county Office of the Sheriff, provided that the sheriff is a member in good standing of the National Sheriffs' Association.

Criteria

This award is intended to recognize an employee (i.e. Chief Deputy, Lieutenant, Sergeant, Deputy Sheriff) from an Office of the Sheriff who has shown unusual initiative and imagination in the performance of his/her duty. A heroic or meritorious service act involving any of the functions of the Office of the Sheriff (i.e. law enforcement, jails/corrections, courtroom security, service of process) is not mandatory. Long years of service are a consideration, but not the determining factor. The quality of the service or program is the essential factor. Contributions and service within the community are also considered.

Qualifications

A candidate must be a full-time paid officer or deputy sheriff (all ranks below sheriff are eligible) from a city/county office of the sheriff. The nominating sheriff must be a member in good standing of the NSA and must sign the application.

Application

Complete the attached form, and submit with supporting documentation listed below.

The nomination must include the following:

- Description of meritorious activities & major accomplishments (1,000 words)
- Verification of Sheriff's membership in NSA
- Letters of reference
- Reports
- News media press releases/articles
- Nominee's resume (please do not include any video-tapes.)

Chaplain of the Year

This award recognizes a chaplain who has made outstanding contributions to law enforcement and his/her agency or who has demonstrated conspicuous excellence in the performance of his/her duties.

Purpose

To establish a prestigious national award to recognize an individual(s) who has made significant contributions or accomplishments directly related to chaplains in law enforcement.

Sponsorship

GTL and National Sheriffs' Association

Awards Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the NSA Awards Committee.

Categories

An award will be given to a chaplain from any city/county office of the sheriff, provided that the sheriff is a member in good standing of the National Sheriffs' Association.

Criteria

This award is intended to recognize a chaplain from an Office of the Sheriff who has shown unusual initiative and imagination in the performance of his/her duty. A heroic or meritorious service act involving the Office of the Sheriff is not mandatory. Long years of service are a consideration, but not the determining factor. The quality of the service or program is the essential factor. Contributions and service within the community are also considered.

Qualifications

A candidate must be a full-time or part-time employee or volunteer from a city/county Office of the Sheriff. The nominating sheriff must be a member in good standing of the National Sheriffs' Association, and must sign the application.

Application

Complete the attached form, and submit with the supporting documentation listed below.

The nomination must include the following:

- Description of meritorious activities & major accomplishments (1,000 words)
- Verification of Sheriff's membership in NSA
- Letters of reference
- Reports
- News media press releases/articles
- Nominee's resume (please do not include any video-tapes.)

Law Enforcement Explorer Post Advisor Award

This award recognizes an outstanding contribution by a Post Advisor to a Law Enforcement Explorer Post sponsored by a sheriff's office.

Purpose

To establish an award to recognize and demonstrate NSA's support by recognizing a Sheriff's Office and a Post Advisor for his/her contribution to Law Enforcement Exploring.

Sponsorship

GTL and National Sheriffs' Association

Awards Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the NSA Awards Committee.

Post Activities Rated in Selection Process (for past 2 years)

1. Recruiting – Describe recruiting methods. Indicate how many Explorers have been recruited by age of recruit.
2. Size of Post and Tenure – Indicate number and the length of time in the Post. Indicate number who dropped out.
3. Written Program Plans – Submit (describe in detail) the program plans for the current and past year.
4. Explorer Training – Submit details on Explorer training: topics, hours, participation, instructors and purpose.
5. Post Activities – Describe how Explorers are used in official services, (i.e. crime prevention, traffic/parking control, communications, identification). Describe civic activities and service to the community, (i.e. child fingerprinting, Neighborhood Watch, and Students Against Drunk Driving).
6. Participation in State/Regional/National Conference – Give full details on Post participation in conferences, events and competitions, number of Explorers attending, etc.
7. Awards and Recognition – List awards and community recognition earned by the Post and Explorers.
8. Endorsement of the Sponsoring Sheriff – A statement by the Sheriff describing the benefits of the Explorer program and the role played by the Post Advisor in the success of the Exploring Program.

Criteria

Nominations will be judged on the (8) categories of activity and will be evaluated by a panel of judges. All material may be prepared by the Post Explorer except Activity 8 which must be prepared and signed by the Sheriff (who must be a member in good standing of the NSA).

Qualifications

A candidate must be a full-time, paid employee of the sponsoring sheriff's office; must have served as Post Advisor for the 24 months prior to the time the nomination is submitted; and the Post must have been established at least two (2) years at time nomination is submitted.

Application

Complete the attached form and attach all supporting documentation, appropriate references, letters of support, and photo-copies of any relevant news articles (please do not include any video-tapes).

Corrections/Jail Innovation of the Year Award

This award recognizes a Correctional professional in any position who has created an innovative process, program or procedure that has contributed to the improvement of the Corrections/Jail environment in security, safety, custody, or any other significant improvement in jail operations.

Purpose

To establish a prestigious national award to recognize an individual (s) who has made significant contributions or accomplishments directly related to improving operations in the Corrections environment via creative and innovative thinking.

Sponsorship

ARAMARK Correctional Services and the National Sheriffs' Association

Awards Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the NSA Awards Committee.

Categories

An award will be given to any Corrections professional including officers, jail administrators, support staff, or ranking officers up to and including Sheriff from any city/county Office of the Sheriff.

Criteria

This award is intended to recognize any Corrections professional from an Office of the Sheriff who has shown unusual initiative

and imagination in the development of a new process, program, or procedure that has improved the Corrections environment. The quality of the innovation and its potential application as a Best Practice in other Corrections environments are the essential factors. While technological innovations will be considered, the quality of a new Best Practice in a program, process, or procedure that can be adopted at reasonable or no cost will be given greater consideration.

Qualifications

A candidate must be a full-time paid employee (both sworn or non-sworn), officer, or ranking officer from a city/county Office of the Sheriff. The nominating Sheriff must be a member in good standing of the NSA, and must sign the application.

Application

Complete the attached form, and submit with the supporting documentation listed below.

The nomination must include the following:

- Description of the idea, how it is executed, and how it has benefitted the Corrections/Jail environment (1,000 words)
- Verification of Sheriff's membership in NSA
- Letters of reference
- Reports
- News media press releases/articles
- Nominee's resume (please do not include any video-tapes.)

RULES

Nominations for the Ferris E. Lucas Sheriff of the Year Award must be submitted through your State Association.

All other nominations should be submitted directly to the National Sheriffs' Association.

National Sheriffs' Association
Awards Committee
1450 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-3490

Applications must be received at the National Sheriffs' Association headquarters by the close of business (i.e., 4.00pm) on or before the **24th day of November, 2010.**

If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact Ross Mirmelstein at 703.838.5321 or 800.424.7827 (ext. 321) or Terri Hicks at 703.838.5301 or 800.424.7827 (ext. 301).

Special Notation

The NSA's Award Committee and the Lucas Committee may or may not grant an award, at its discretion.

Announcement Of Winner(s)

The awardee must attend the NSA Annual Conference & Exhibition (held in the month of June each year), where the award will be presented. In 2011, the Awards will be presented at the Plenary Sessions of the conference, to be held on Sunday evening, June 19 (Lucas and Meeks) and Monday, June 20 (all other awards), at the Cervantes Convention Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

NSA will arrange for and pay, a) airline transportation; and b) up to 5 nights lodging (NSA's Headquarters Hotel) at the 2011 Annual Conference and Exhibition. In addition, the association shall provide full conference registration(s) for the award recipient and his/her spouse/guest. The winners of these prestigious awards shall be notified of selection prior to the 1st day of February 2011.

Please note: all applications (and supporting documentation) become the property of the National Sheriffs' Association, and will NOT be returned, unless specifically requested in writing, and accompanied with a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

FERRIS E. LUCAS AWARD

2011 SHERIFF OF THE YEAR

Name of nominating agency or person (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Nominee: Sheriff _____

_____ Sheriff's Office

Nominee's address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

I certify that the above named candidate for the NSA Sheriff of the Year Award for 2011 is the Sheriff of the: _____ Sheriff's Office.

(Name & Title of nominating person)

(Signature of nominating person)

(Date)



CHARLES "BUD" MEEKS AWARD

2011 DEPUTY SHERIFF OF THE YEAR

Name of nominating agency or person (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Nominee: _____

_____ Sheriff's Office

Title (rank) of Nominee: _____

Nominee's address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

I certify that the above named candidate for the NSA Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award for 2011 is a full-time sheriff/officer of the: _____ Sheriff's Office.

(Signature of nominating Sheriff - MANDATORY)

(Date)



2011 LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER POST ADVISOR AWARD

Name of nominating agency or person (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Nominee: _____

_____ Sheriff's Office

Title (rank) of Nominee: _____

Nominee's address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

I certify that the above named candidate for the NSA Law Enforcement Explorer Post Advisor Award for 2011 is a full-time paid employee of the: _____ Sheriff's Office.

(Signature of nominating Sheriff - MANDATORY)

(Date)



2011 CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR

Name of nominating agency or person (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Nominee: _____ Sheriff's Office

Title (rank) of Nominee: _____

Nominee's address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

I certify that the above named candidate for the NSA Chaplain of the Year Award for 2011 is a full or part time employee/volunteer of the: _____ Sheriff's Office.

(Signature of nominating Sheriff - MANDATORY)

(Date)



2011 CORRECTIONS/JAIL INNOVATIONS AWARD OF THE YEAR

Name of nominating agency or person (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Nominee: _____

_____ Sheriff's Office

Title (rank) of Nominee: _____

Nominee's address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

I certify that the above named candidate for the NSA Corrections/Jail Innovation of the Year Award for 2011 is a full or part time employee of the: _____ Sheriff's Office.

(Signature of nominating Sheriff - MANDATORY)

(Date)

