

Ronald Nestor Award

2024 Nomination Information

Award Criteria

About the Award

The Ronald Nestor Award was created in recognition of Ronald Nestor, the first Adult Services Director at the West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS), and an advocate for social work for more than 45 years. In his career, he received the Anita S. Harbert Outstanding Achievement in Aging Award in 2009 and the Robert Jackson Award in 2008 for his contribution to the West Virginia Governor's Summit on Aging.

The purpose of the Ronald Nestor Award is to recognize individuals who have advocated to end elder abuse and helped raise awareness of the issue. An individual in any field of practice is eligible for this award, permitting the outlined requirements are met.

For the purposes of this award, the term “elder abuse” includes all types of mental, physical, and verbal abuse, financial exploitation, and neglect of a person who is at least 60 years old and is vulnerable or a facility resident. Nominees should meet the following criteria:

- Has worked to end elder abuse or has promoted awareness of the issue in West Virginia; and,
- Is a resident or native of West Virginia.



Deadline and Submission

Nominations may be made by any individual or organization in West Virginia by completing the online nomination form by May 1, 2024.

To submit your nomination, click here: [Ronald Nestor Award Nomination Form](#) or email michelle.l.angus@wv.gov.

Narrative Information

In 500 words or less, submit a narrative that addresses the following:

- Why are you nominating this individual?
- How has the nominee met the criteria of the award?
- How have the nominee's achievements made a positive and significant impact on elder abuse prevention and/or awareness of the issue?
- How are the nominee's accomplishments above and beyond daily requirements of their position?
- Identify any challenges or issues the nominee encountered and overcame.