



REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS: NYSFAH 2020 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

At the *NYSFAH Virtual Awards for Excellence Reception* on **November 18, 2020** we will honor special achievement in affordable housing development over the previous year. NYSFAH members are asked to make nominations in the following categories:

- **Advocate of the Year:** Nominees should be individuals who have had a particularly strong positive impact on the field of affordable housing development, either locally or state-wide. Preference will be given to the unsung heroes of affordable housing, including those in government.
- **Non-Profit of the Year:** Nominees should be not-for-profit organizations that have demonstrated excellence in either the development of affordable housing or the delivery of services to residents.
- **M/WBE of the Year:** Nominees are M/WBE entities that have demonstrated excellence in either providing contractual services for development purposes or are developers themselves. Certification is not necessary for consideration, but evidence of ownership is required for those entities that are not certified with the city or state.

Nominations for the above three categories must consist of a narrative of no more than 250 words expressing the nominator's reasoning for including the candidate for nomination. Back up documentation may also be provided.

- **Projects of the Year (Upstate/Downstate):** Awards will be presented to the developer / project partners recognizing excellence in one or more of the following categories: community need, capacity to catalyze economic development in the surrounding neighborhood, financing, affordability, design, construction techniques, and energy efficiency. **Separate awards will be given to upstate and downstate projects. *The project must have been completed and placed in service prior to November 18, 2020. All project nominations must include this form, budget analysis, development narrative, and photographs at submission to elizabeth@nysafah.org***

NYSFAH supports sustainability efforts, creativity in design and financing and innovation in services provided give the limited public resources available. Unique development and sustainable features will be heavily considered in the determination of project awards. **Please provide a narrative describing your sustainability efforts**, creative design work and innovative financing tools that you would like the committee to consider when determining development efforts – such as but not limited to, project location, type of construction, and population served. All submissions **MUST** include a narrative addressing any high cost drivers which may also be a consideration in assessing final award determinations.

Please complete the nomination form and submit it with any attachments no later than October 15th to elizabeth@nysafah.org. Award recipients will be selected by NYSFAH's Awards Committee and will be notified by October 20th. Members may nominate themselves or other members; feel free to nominate a project in which you are a participant or hold a financial interest. You may make separate nominations in more than one category.

Please keep in mind as you prepare your nominations that NYSFAH is interested in recognizing individuals and projects large and small across New York State. NYSFAH reserves the right to assign nominees to different categories.



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NOMINATION FORM**

DEADLINE: October 15, 2020

For multiple nominations, please copy this form and submit separately.

Name, affiliation, and email of NYSFAH member making nomination:

I wish to make a nomination in the following area(s):

- Advocate of the Year
- Non-Profit of the Year
- MWBE of the Year
- Project of the Year (Upstate)
- Project of the Year (Downstate)

Name of nominee(s) (individual, development team or project name):

Nominee's contact information

Contact person: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Agency reference (REQUIRED – name and email):

Bank/Lender reference (if applicable) (name and email):

YOU MUST ATTACH a statement describing why this person or organization should receive this award. For project of the year, please refer to the previous page and include a full description (i.e. location, number of units and date placed into service) and attach clearly marked photo(s) of the project in addition to the required cost containment narrative. You may submit any letters in support of your nomination as an attachment to your email submission. Upon review additional information may be requested to further consider each nomination.

All information must be submitted no later than October 15th by email to elizabeth@nysafah.org Digital submission is required. If you have questions or need more information, contact Elizabeth Rossi.