

**GOVERNOR'S
VICTIM ADVOCACY AWARDS
CRITERIA**

PURPOSE

Each year there are individuals and/or programs that excel in the provision and enhancement of services to crime victims. The purpose of these awards is to: honor those individuals and/or programs who have (1) provided outstanding services to crime victims and family members who have been touched by the violent act of homicide; (2) provided outstanding leadership in advancing victims' rights throughout the criminal justice system; and, (3) provided outstanding contributions to youth and adult correctional agencies in their efforts to provide comprehensive services to victims.

AWARDS

Awards are presented in the three categories referenced above. Nominees must have provided distinguished direction, assistance and/or support to victims of crime or correctional services agencies.

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals and/or programs who have participated in the development and provision of crime victim services in California. This includes individuals and/or programs that address community, law enforcement, correctional, and victims' needs.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

- ∞ Nominations may be submitted by any individual, agency or organization.
- ∞ Nominations must be typed on an original or copy of the official nomination form plus three additional attached pages.
- ∞ All nomination forms must be completed entirely with a thorough response to all questions. Please do not send pictures, products, tapes, etc., but rather describe the content of such items if pertinent.
- ∞ Nominations will be judged by members on an awards committee established by the Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.
- ∞ The **original nomination form plus six copies** must be received no later than 5:00 PM on January 31, 2008. Please address all nomination entries to: Crime Victim Advocate, Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, PO Box3044, Sacramento, CA 95814. **NO FAXED COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

NOMINATIONS NOT RECEIVED BY THE TIME AND DATE SPECIFIED WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR REVIEW. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO CORRECT FORMAT AND NUMBERS OF COPIES REQUESTED.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Awards will be presented to recipients in 2008.

CONTACT PERSONS

Questions regarding the nominations and awards should be directed to:

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