

# 2024 SDAO Awards PROGRAM

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SPECIAL DISTRICTS  
ASSOCIATION OF OREGON

Help us celebrate the ingenuity, creativity, and diversity of our members by nominating an individual or special district for the SDAO Awards Program! This program recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of member districts as well as district board members, managers, employees, and volunteers.

## **OUTSTANDING SPECIAL DISTRICT PROGRAM (DISTRICT)**

This award category recognizes innovative projects and programs, outstanding safety, public information, public involvement in a district decision making process, and outstanding achievement. Three subcategories have been established for this award:

- Districts with 5 or fewer employees
- Districts with 6 to 25 employees
- Districts with 26 or more employees

## **OUTSTANDING SPECIAL DISTRICT SERVICE (INDIVIDUAL)**

This award category recognizes individuals who have contributed substantially to the improvement and successful operation of their special district. Four subcategories have been established for this award:

- Board Member
- Manager (Nomination must be submitted by the district's board of directors.)
- Employee (Nomination must be submitted by the district's manager.)
- Volunteer

SDAO Board of Directors and SDIS Board of Trustees members are ineligible to be nominated for this award. Winners will be recognized at the 2024 SDAO Awards Banquet in Seaside on February 10th.

## **FAQs**

### **HOW DO I SUBMIT A NOMINATION?**

Complete the 2024 SDAO Awards Program nomination form available at [www.sdao.com/sdao-awards-program](http://www.sdao.com/sdao-awards-program). Please respond to each question, attaching additional pages if necessary. Submit completed nomination forms to SDAO, PO Box 12613, Salem, Oregon 97309-0613 or email them to [sdao@sdao.com](mailto:sdao@sdao.com).

**Nomination forms must be received by October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to be considered.**

### **HOW ARE ENTRIES JUDGED?**

The Awards Committee will review nominations in late-October using standard evaluation features such as impact for other districts, positive results, special purpose, increased safety, cost savings, improved quality of service, innovation, and community need.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF THE DISTRICT OR INDIVIDUAL I NOMINATE WINS?**

Nominators and award winners will be notified in November 2023. SDAO will provide winner contact information to our videographer to schedule a date and time to do a video interview. Videos will be showcased at the 2024 SDAO Annual Conference, which will be held at Sunriver Resort in February 2024 and on our website. Winners will be provided with an electronic file of their video.

### **WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?**

If you have any questions, please contact Director of Association Services Jennifer Quisenberry at 800-285-5461 or email [jquisenberry@sdao.com](mailto:jquisenberry@sdao.com).

# SDAO AWARDS PROGRAM

NOMINATION FORM

Category: **Outstanding Special District Service Award (Individual)**

Application Deadline: October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

This award category recognizes ***an individual manager, staff member, board member, or volunteer*** who has contributed substantially to the improvement and successful operation of his or her district. SDAO Board and SDIS Trust members are ineligible to be nominated for the service award.

## Select one subcategory

- Board Member**
- Manager** (Nomination must be submitted by district's board of directors)
- Employee** (Nomination must be submitted by the district manager)
- Volunteer**

Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and title of person submitting entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach additional pages, if necessary.

1. Describe, in detail, the specific contributions and accomplishments of the nominee.

2. How much time has the nominee devoted to this particular project/program and/or to your district?

3. List additional civic and community activities of the nominee.

4. Are there other contributions to the community, past awards received, or anything else noteworthy about the nominee you would like to share?

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NOMINATION FORM

Category: **Outstanding Special District Program Award (District)**

Application Deadline: October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*This award recognizes **innovative projects and programs, outstanding safety, public information, public involvement in a district decision-making process, and outstanding achievement.***

Efforts in these areas are considered in light of available resources (i.e., smaller districts may have significantly fewer resources than larger districts); therefore, three subcategories have been established for this award.

**Select one subcategory:**

District has 5 or fewer employees     District has 6-25 employees     District has 26 or more employees

**District name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and title of person submitting entry:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Attach additional pages, if necessary.*

1. *Please provide a brief general description of the project/program being submitted.*
  
2. *Describe the local problem or circumstances that led to the undertaking of this program. Was there a special purpose?*
  
3. *What makes your project/program unique and/or innovative?*
  
4. *Identify the value added (increased safety, costs savings, service improvements, etc.) as a result of the undertaking of this project/program. Who does it impact?*
  
5. *What are the positive results of implementing your project/program? Are there other noteworthy features about your project/program that should be considered?*
  
6. *How can this project/program can be adapted for use by other organizations? Who else may benefit by its adoption? Would significant modifications be required for implementation?*

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## 2023 AWARD WINNERS

Outstanding Special District Program Award (5 or Fewer Employees)

*White River Health District*

Outstanding Special District Program Award (26 or More Employees)

*Deschutes Public Library*

Outstanding Special District Service Award: Board Member

*John Dunn*

Outstanding Special District Service Award: Manager

*Bev Bridgewater*

Outstanding Special District Service Award: Employee

*Rob Cummings*

Outstanding Special District Service Award: Volunteer

*Sunriver Public Safety Building Task Force*

Howard Terpenning Lifetime Achievement Award

*Senator Cedric Hayden*

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