

2018 AACOG Regional Awards

The Alamo Area Council of Governments is accepting nominations for the 2018 Regional Awards. Recipients will be honored during the AACOG Area Council and Board of Directors Annual Meeting on Wednesday, December 5, 2018.

Who is eligible for nomination?

Any person, corporation, community project, or government regional project that has contributed to the significant positive advancement of the region and/or any communities in the thirteen counties of the Alamo Area (Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson counties) is eligible for nomination. Current elected officials and public sector employees are ineligible for nomination, unless directly involved in a governmental regional project.

Nomination categories

- Regional Citizen of the Year
- Corporate/Business Steward of the Year
- Community/Non-profit Project of the Year
- Governmental Project of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement Award (Not Awarded Every Year)

How to nominate?

- ❑ Complete one form for each entry (Nomination entries are unlimited by using a new form for each entry). Supporting documentation and letters of support are allowed and can be uploaded via the nomination form online, or can be sent to vgallegos@aacog.com.
- ❑ The nomination form can be completed online at www.aacog.com, or secured from AACOG at 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 160, San Antonio, Texas, or by requesting a form via email to vgallegos@aacog.com.
- ❑ Complete entire nomination form (incomplete forms will not be considered). Please ensure all information is legible.
- ❑ **Nomination form(s) must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8, 2018.**
- ❑ Recipients of the 2018 regional awards will be selected by the AACOG Community Affairs Committee in October. Award recipients will be notified by November 1st.

Where to submit nomination forms?

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Nomination Form

Nominations due by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8, 2018

Select Award Category:

Please check one of the awards below. Previous winners of these awards are available for viewing at the end of this document. For further information on what category to select to recognize an individual, company, or project, please contact AACOG External Affairs & Communications at (210) 362-5204 or vgallegos@aacog.com.

- REGIONAL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:
This award honors individuals who have contributed to the betterment of the AACOG region. The award is given to individuals residing within the Alamo Region who demonstrate a dedication to the region through their activities outside the scope of their employment. Current elected officials are ineligible for nomination.
- CORPORATE/BUSINESS STEWARD OF THE YEAR
This award honors corporations that have contributed to the betterment of the AACOG region. It is given annually to large or small for-profit companies that make a positive impact on their local communities through activities such as employee volunteering initiatives, fundraising activities, and other efforts that have established the corporation as a community partner.
- COMMUNITY/NON-PROFIT PROJECT OF THE YEAR
This award honors community-based or non-profit projects that have contributed to the betterment of the AACOG region. These awards are given annually to community-based or non-profit driven projects that have made a positive impact to the communities involved in and affected by the project. Projects not yet completed are ineligible.
- GOVERNMENT PROJECT OF THE YEAR
This award honors government projects that have contributed to the betterment of the region. These awards are given annually to completed governmental entity-based projects that have significantly impacted the community for the better. Projects not yet completed are ineligible.
- LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
This award honors individuals that have significantly contribute to the betterment of the AACOG region as a whole over their lifetime. This award has only been given out four times since these awards were first given out in 1974. Individuals nominated under this category may instead be recognized under the Regional Citizen of the Year category, at the discretion of the voting committee.

Nomination Categories:

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email/Website: _____

Person Making Nomination:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Where did you hear about this Awards Program? _____

Your Relationship to Nominated Party: _____

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Nomination Form (Page Two)

Please answer the following questions on this page.

1. Describe how the nominee contributed to the advancement of our region and/or their county/community.

2. Explain why the nominated individual or project should receive the award.

AACOG REGIONAL CITIZEN AWARDS

Since 1974

YEAR	REGIONAL CITIZEN	CORPORATE STEWARD	COMMUNITY PROJECT AND GOVERNMENT PROJECT
2018*****	Special 50 th Anniversary Lifetime Achievement Award Winners: Judge Nelson Wolff & Judge Richard Evans	Other Awardees to be recognized in December 2018.	
2017	James Pobanz	Get Right City LLC	RSVP of South Central Texas; China Grove Lions Club
		STEER, Capitol Aggregates, Martin Marrieta, CEMEX, Alamo Cement, TACA, City of San Antonio, Bexar County, CPS Energy (Joint Award)	Central Texas Technology Center Expansion Project
2016	Sharon Baughman	None	Community Project (2): Dietert Center and Alamo RC&D Growing Rural Program
	Doris Griffin		Government Project (2): COSA World Heritage Office and Northside ISD Propane School Bus Initiative
2015	Kimberly Ford	Zachry Corporation	Community Project (2): San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAILS); and The Rape Crisis Center PREA Hotline
	Elaine Stephens		Government Project: Bexar County Mothers and Their Children (MATCH) Program
2014****	John Southwell	Broadway Bank	Community Project: Boys & Girls Club of Wilson County
			Government Project: Connect Seguin
2013	Charles L. Kuentz, Jr.	HDR Engineering	Community Project: Kendall County Women's Shelter
	Maria Sanchez		Government Project (2): Universal City Storefront Improvement Program; and Northside Swim Center
2012	Catherine Dhongade	George B. Hernandez, Jr., President/CEO, University Health System	Community Project: Medina Lake Dam Centennial Celebration
			Government Project (2): Northside ISD/City of San Antonio Safe Routes to School Program; and South Texas Regional Training Center
2011***	Betty Kroeger	VIA Metropolitan Transit	Community Project: Morgan's Wonderland by the Hartman Family Foundation
			Governmental Regional Project of the Year: Developing Leaders for Texas Law Enforcement
2010	Julie Wisdom-Wild	WellMed Charitable Foundation	Community Project: Camp Discovery Electric Vehicle Project
			Bexar County Sheriff's Office/Human Trafficking Unit
2009	Tracy Talley, RN	Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas	Community Project: Ft. Sam Houston – "Christmas Along the Corridor Grand Finale and Fair"
			Governmental Regional Project: Alamo Colleges Rural Technology Centers
2008	LaJuana Newnam-Leus	Corona Visions, Inc.	Community Projects: Karnes City Park and Cibolo Nature Center
			Governmental Regional Project: NBU SAFEhaven Volunteer Project

2007**	The Honorable John Kight		Lone Star Capital Bank	Community Project: Fredericksburg High School Principles of Technology course
2006	The Honorable Alfred Pawelek		Rick Cavender's "Saturn Donor Day"	Community Project: San Antonio Crime Victim's Advocate News
				Governmental Regional Project: City of San Antonio Public Works Department Hurricane Katrina Emergency Response
2005	Leon Thomas		None	Community Project: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners
				Governmental Regional Projects: Central Texas Technology Center & CPS Energy
2004	Jimmy Hasslocher		The GEO Group	Community Project: Habitat for Safe Seniors
				Governmental Regional Projects: Brooke City-Base and the Bexar County Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Program
2003	Regional Citizen Award Combined as of 2003: Ramon Chapa, Jr.		SMI-Texas	WOAI Disaster Relief Project and SA Low Vision Reading Club's Radio Reading Service
2002	Stephanie Nicole Lopez	William "Bill" Slivka	None	None
2001*	Sue Calbert	Beth Ann Noak	None	Sisters Care of San Antonio
2000	Kenneth L. Alley	Gene Maekel	Pacificare of San Antonio	S.U.A.V.E. and Walker Ranch Historic Landmark Park
1999	Pat Osborne	Pat Osborne		Project Mend
1998	Dr. Daniel Juarez	Jim Henry Bain, Jr.	Central Power & Light	Jefferson Co-op
1997	Mike de la Garza	Mike de la Garza	Southwest Airlines	Selena Center for Youth Potential And Gillett Senior Citizen Project
1996	Margaret Haake	John T. Bish		Comal County Rural Recycling
1995	William Sholl	Jay Weinheimer	Diamond Shamrock	Our Dream Home
1994	Bonita Reely	Larry McCarthy	SWB Telephone and SWB Foundation	Government Canyon Project
1993	Archie Stewart	Margaret Trouart	H.B. Zachry	Benton City Water Supply and South San Antonio HS Science Club Trees for Life Project
1992	Ida Kenny	Paul Alban and Hugh B. "Trip" Ruckman		
1991	Eddie Garcia	Elaine Kolodziej	H.E.B. Food	
1990	Thomas T. Winn	Robert H. Thonhoff		
1989	Dr. John P. Howe III	Lucille Rochs		
1988	Dr. Earl M. Lewis	Duff Thompson		
1987	Sr. Mary Sapp	Rev. Mnsig. Erwin Juraschek		
1986		Verna Silvan		
1985		Kay and Al Robinson		
1984	Iris Rubin	Caroll Nations		

1983		Everett Taylor		
1982	Toni Goldsmith	Rev. Ted Leonard		
1981	Raul Jimenez	Martin Wheeler		
1980	Walter Bielstein	Ben L. Parker		
1979	Margaret Lecznar	Wayne Pares		
1978	Marylin Jones	Denise Beck		
1977	Gordon Blake	Wintford Owen		
1976	William Redell	Joe Burkett		
1975	Henry Guerra	Sr. Laverne Mettlach		
1974	Dr. John C. Williamson	A.C. Schwelthelm		

*In 2001, AACOG gave a Lifetime Achievement Award to Lila Cockrell.

**In 2007, AACOG gave a Lifetime Achievement Award to Al J. Notzon III.

***In 2011, AACOG gave a Lifetime Achievement Award to Gloria C. Arriaga.

****In 2014, AACOG gave a Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Ruth Lofgren, Ph.D.

*****In 2018, AACOG gave two Special 50th Anniversary Lifetime Achievement Awards to Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff & Bandera County Judge Richard Evans at their 50th Anniversary Celebration on March 1, 2018.