

AWARD CRITERIA:

Presented to the professional Alzheimer's caregiver who has achieved exceptional status in the following areas:

1. **Excellence in Service**, which is characterized by the individual's enthusiasm and passion for the work of caregiving. Such excellence often manifests in better quality of life for both the person with Alzheimer's disease and the family. Service of this magnitude is a model for all professional Alzheimer's caregivers.
2. **Length of Service**, which exemplifies a continuing dedication to the mission of caring for persons with Alzheimer's disease and an understanding of the care required through the many stages of its progression. A long term caregiver is often inventive of new care techniques while refining standard practices.
3. **Training / Education**. Alzheimer's caregiving requires specialized training to anticipate, plan and manage the many changes that are a natural part of the progression of the disease. A trained Alzheimer's caregiver has at the ready a number of care techniques for use in a variety of situations, and may mentor less experienced caregivers.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

1. Nominations are open to all professional caregivers who devote at least 50% of their work time in service to people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.
2. Nominations must be approved via signature by the nominee's administrator/employer.
3. Complete nominations must be received by the Alzheimer's Association by October 5, 2009.
4. Finalists must attend the award ceremony which is part of the Richard J. Price Caregiver Conference held on November 4, 2009..

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

1. **Resume**: Include work experience; dates of employment; supervisory contact information; education and training, (Limit 2 pages typewritten)
2. **Testimonial**: From the sponsoring agency/employer, a single typewritten page illustrating the nominee's Excellence in Service as described above. If an extraordinary act of service is claimed, include a full narrative of the act or acts. Limit narrative to single typewritten page.
3. **Commendation (s)**: Copies of complimentary letters from patient families. Letters are not time-restricted and can either be unsolicited or solicited for the purpose of this nomination (Provide copies; letters will not be returned).
4. **References**: Provide at least three professional reference letters from current or former employers, supervisors or co-workers. Reference letters should attest to the criteria described above.
5. **Community Service**: Provide a history of volunteer community service, if any, performed by the nominee in the last ten years. Include any volunteer leadership position, offices and/or board positions.

R. J. Roper Caregiver Award Nomination Form

Nominee Name

Sponsoring Agency/Employer

Address

Address

City Zip

City Zip

Email address Phone #
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Administrator signature/title Phone

Awards will be given at the Richard J. Price Caregiving Conference on November 4, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Bible Church on Park Lane in Dallas. Please send this form back along with the award criteria to:

Linda M. Ross, M.S.
Director of Programs and Services
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All winners must attend the awards ceremony.