

2016 TAASA Awards Nomination Form

TAASA invites you to honor those who have helped open doors, build bridges, and have shared their energy and creativity in the campaign against sexual violence by nominating them for a TAASA Award. **Nominations must be submitted by March 31, 2017.**

Awards will be presented at the Annual Award Luncheon on June 6th, 2017.

Complete the form below and submit to Dina Yup by mail, email (dyup@taasa.org), or fax (512-474-6490.)

Category for Nomination

- Champion for Social Change
- Vivian Miles Lifetime Achievement Award
- Excellence in Advocacy
- Harold Cottle Justice Award
- Excellence in Media
- Edith Rust Medical Services Award of Excellence
- Community Engagement Award
- Community Empowerment Award
- Program Volunteer of the Year
- Samantha Dean Rising Star Award

Nominating Agency or Individual Member (must be a member of TAASA):

Nominator:	
Organization (if applicable):	
Address:	
Daytime Phone:	
Email Address:	

Person or Agency Being Nominated:

Nominee:	
Title (if applicable):	
Organization:	
Address:	
Daytime Phone:	
Email:	

Nomination Rules

1. Only current TAASA members may submit nominations.
2. Please submit only one nomination per category.
3. Write a short essay (less than one page) on why you believe this person or entity should receive a particular award and submit it along with the first page of this form to Dina Yup by mail, email, or fax (see page one for contact information).
4. TAASA may eliminate from consideration any nomination form that contains incomplete information.
5. TAASA reserves the right to move a nominee to another category.
6. The awards decisions are final and winners will be notified by mail.

In your nomination essay, please specify how the person or entity has gone beyond the scope of his or her duties to contribute to TAASA's goals of being the voice for survivors and working against sexual violence. After deciding the award category for your candidate, please review the criteria and be sure to include specific information related to how the nominee has contributed in that area. Although you may attach or include historical information, the primary consideration of the awards committee will be activities during the past calendar year, except in the case of the lifetime achievement and philanthropy awards. For the media award, a copy of the article(s) or a recording of the broadcast(s) must accompany nominations.

Award Categories

Champion for Social Change	Eligibility – Individuals (legislators, survivors, etc.) Criteria – Impacted policy or social norms change in a way that furthers the mission to end sexual violence in Texas.
Vivian Miles Lifetime Achievement Award	Eligibility – Minimum of 10 years in the anti-sexual assault movement. Criteria – Demonstrated a lifetime commitment to ending sexual violence or to providing support to survivors.
Excellence in Advocacy	Eligibility – Individual or team directly affiliated with a sexual assault program. Criteria – Demonstrated outstanding advocacy on behalf of survivors.
Harold Cottle Justice Award	Eligibility – Law enforcement, criminal justice officers, or legislators. Criteria – Demonstrated outstanding support for victims and willingness to educate self and colleagues within the criminal justice system about sexual assault.
Excellence in Media	Eligibility – Individuals or teams in print or broadcast media. Criteria – Demonstrated commitment to increasing awareness through fair and compassionate depictions of sexual violence and its cost to individuals and communities.
Edith Rust Medical Services Award	Eligibility – Individual, corporation, foundation, or funding agency in the medical field. Criteria – Contributed significantly to the health of sexual assault survivors.
Community Engagement Award	Eligibility – Individual(s) associated with a sexual assault program. Criteria – Made significant progress in engaging community partners in community education or in the primary prevention of sexual violence.
Community Empowerment Award	Eligibility – Sexual assault program, social service agency, business, hospital, school, etc. Criteria – Worked with diverse, underserved populations through culturally competent projects and events such the creation of education materials, outreach programs, or primary prevention-based curricula.

<p>Program Volunteer of the Year</p>	<p>Eligibility – Volunteer providing uncompensated support to a TAASA sexual assault member program.</p> <p>Criteria – Provided outstanding support for local sexual assault services.</p>
<p>Samantha Dean Rising Star Award</p>	<p>Eligibility – An advocate under 30 in the field who displays a true passion and dedication to serving others.</p> <p>Criteria – Went above and beyond to outreach and assist survivors in their community.</p>

