

## CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION OF AASWSW FELLOWS

***Membership in the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare requires influential and sustained development and dissemination of knowledge and practice that contributes substantially to the improvement of social work and/or social welfare in the United States. Fellows must demonstrate a commitment to the profession (for example, by working in an academic, policy and/or service setting related to social work or social welfare). Nominees shall be recognized by colleagues for leadership and professional integrity.***

Nominations of the following types of individuals are encouraged:

1. Scholars whose work has had a significant impact on social work and/or social welfare through the completion of rigorous and highly regarded peer-reviewed articles, books, government publications, grants, testimony, and invited/public addresses.  
Examples include:
  - Theoreticians whose writings have guided major research activities and practice outcomes in the field.
  - Researchers whose findings have promoted advances in social work/social welfare practice and/or policy
  - Developers of evidence based practices that have gained national recognition and use.
2. Policy makers, administrators, and/or practitioners whose work has made a significant impact on social work and/or social welfare theory, practice, education and/or research at the national or international level.

Examples include:

- Policy makers whose ideas for advancement of the public good have been adopted and become national law, state law, or the basis for new practice standards.
- Academic administrators who have generated influential innovations with widespread impact on the profession beyond their own department, school or program.
- Public administrators who have implemented effective practices resulting in a substantial change and lasting improvement in a service delivery system, with evidence of replication in other jurisdictions.

The following types of candidates would not be appropriate for nomination:

- Policy makers, elected officials, practitioners or administrators whose work has impact at the local, regional or state level, but not at the national level
- Administrators who build excellent agencies or programs without corresponding evidence of general improvements in the profession as a whole
- Practitioners whose innovative programs improve one or more systems of care but have not had a transformative effect broadly or in other jurisdictions.
- Candidates whose primary professional identification is outside the field of social work and social welfare.