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Award Recipients

2010 ~ Beth Ann Turner
City of Iola

2012 ~ Susan Wettstein
City of Garnett

2014 ~ De Nelson
City of Wichita

2016 ~ Celyn Hurtado
City of Garden City

2018 ~ Cassie Johnson
City of Lindsborg

2019 ~ Brenda Long
City of Olathe

2022 ~ Jennie Hiatt
City of Abilene

Nancy Crain Municipal Administrative Professional of the Year Award

This award, previously known as the AAKC Municipal Administrative Assistant Award, was established in 2009. The purpose of this award is to recognize Administrative Assistants that contribute their skills to their profession and community, as well as their dedication to their municipalities.

The name of the award was changed in 2010 after Nancy Crain, one of the AAKC founding members, lost her courageous battle to cancer. Nancy was the most dedicated professional to Arkansas City. She was always willing to lend a helping hand and guide those that were new to the city form of government.

This award is one of the highest honors of any administrative professionals' career.

Eligibility:

The nominee must be a member of AAKC for five (5) years prior to date of nomination and currently employed in an administrative, secretarial, clerical or related position for at least five (5) years with the same Kansas municipality.

Nominations:

Nominations may be submitted by a city manager/administrator or supervisor. The nomination form should be completed and sent to the Chairperson of the Selection Committee by the end of February. The selection committee will judge the nominations and announce the winner at the Spring AAKC Conference. The award will be presented at the Kansas League of Municipalities Fall Conference.

Selection:

A Selection Committee will review all nominations. The Selection Committee will consist of two (2) active AAKC members (President or designee & one member); one representative from the Hugo Wall School of Public Administration (Wichita State University); one representative from the League of Kansas Municipalities. The Selection Committee will be under the direction of the Professional Development committee chair.

Judging Standards:

- Service and contribution to the AAKC Organization, including serving as an Officer, Chairperson, or committee member.
- Contributions to their profession
- Contributions to their community or municipal government
- Professional development/education/training
- Essay summary of why the nominee should receive the award.

Nomination Form
Please complete the form below for the nominee

Name: _____

Current Position: _____

Jurisdiction: _____

Nominee Address: _____

Please check (✓) all that apply and expound on each criteria:

Nominee has served and/or contributed to the AAKC organization as an officer, chairperson, committee member or on special projects. (Please name the position(s)):

Nominee has contributed to their profession and/or other professional associations. (Please specify associations, past and current):

Nominee has contributed to their community or municipal government. (Please describe in what way(s) they have contributed)

Nominee has made an effort to enhance their professional development, which may include CMA, CPS, etc., certificates, attendance of municipal seminars or conferences, college work or classes in the related field. (Please list certificates, credits, etc., earned or completed)

I hereby declare to the best of my knowledge and ability the foregoing information to be true and correct as I offer the person as a nominee for the AAKC Nancy Crain Municipal Administrative Professional of the Year Award.

Nominator Signature: _____

Date: _____

Position & Jurisdiction: _____

Phone: _____