



**AASW**  
Australian Association  
of Social Workers

# Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Social Worker of the Year Award

This award will acknowledge an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Social Worker who exemplifies the best of the profession's values, achievements and accomplishments through demonstrated practice. To be eligible, accomplishments must have taken place during the period 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

## **Who can be nominated?**

Social workers engaged directly with the delivery of services to clients and who identify as, and are recognised by their community as, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Nominees must be a current financial member of the AASW.

## **Who can nominate a nominee?**

Both Self-nomination and Third-Party nominations will be considered. In the case of Third-Party nominations, we recommend engaging the nominee directly in the process.

## **Terms and Conditions**

Nominations will be made through a "call for nominations" announced by the AASW in September 2021.

Nominations submitted to the AASW Award Committee for consideration must not exceed 2,000 words and be supported by appropriate evidence such as letters of commendation, acknowledgement of achievements through employers or other agencies, newspaper articles or such other relevant evidence.

Nominations must be submitted through the AASW's designated submission process.

The Award Committee will consider all nominations based on written responses to the Criteria outlined below.

The Award Committee reserves the right to decline nominations that do not address the criteria or exceed the specified word limits or are not received by the submission deadline.

The written submission in this category will contribute to 80% of the overall score for consideration of this Award and will determine shortlisted nominees. Those shortlisted nominees will then be required to participate in a recorded interview with the Award Committee, which will contribute the remaining 20%.



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Please complete the Nomination Form and return to [ceo@asw.asn.au](mailto:ceo@asw.asn.au) by no later than 5pm Friday 22 October 2021.

Is this nomination a Self Nomination      or Third Party Nomination

## **Self Nomination:**

Name of nominee

Branch

Contact number

Email address

## **Third Party Nomination:**

Name of proposer

Relationship to nominee

Current position and title

Employer/organisation

Contact number

Email address

If you have any questions regarding the nomination, please contact us via email at [ceo@asw.asn.au](mailto:ceo@asw.asn.au)

To support the criteria responses and provide supporting evidence, you may upload a maximum of ten single-page files. Acceptable formats are Word, PDF and JPEG and the maximum size for each file is 1 Mb.



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## **Criteria:**

1. Outline the ways in which the nominee has made a demonstrable difference in each of the following:
  - a) Social work practice  
(Maximum word limit: 200 / Worth: 15 percent)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b) Advocacy for clients and social policy  
(Maximum word limit: 200 / Worth: 15 percent)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Explain the ways in which the nominee demonstrates outstanding leadership  
(Maximum word limit: 400 / Worth: 15 percent)





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## **Other Required Information**

5. Provide a 100-word overview that describes the nominee, including their current role. This short profile may be used for promotional purposes or at the Awards presentation. (Maximum word limit: 100 / Worth: 0 percent)
  
6. Provide a colour head and shoulder photograph of the nominee on a blank background. The image should be high resolution (preferably 300 dpi, no less than 2 Mb image) so that it can be used for print media and other promotions. (Worth: 0 percent)

## **Nomination closing date:**

Nominations must be submitted by 5pm AEDST on Friday 22 October 2021.  
Nominations received after the closing date will not be considered.