

Call for Nominations DSA Awards



The Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) Awards Committee is accepting nominations for three prestigious awards. Award selections will be announced at the DSA Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, August 3-7, 2023. Nominations should be submitted to the Awards Chair, Elaine Navratil no later than **April 30, 2025**. Contact information is provided at the bottom of this page.

Distinguished Service Award

The DSA Distinguished Service Award honors an individual who has demonstrated exceptional service to deaf seniors, either locally or nationally.

Nominee criteria:

- May or may not be a member of the DSA.
- Must have a longstanding history of involvement with a deaf senior organization.
- Must have served voluntarily (include details on the type and length of service).
- Can be either deaf or hearing.
- Can be living or deceased.

Organizational Achievement Award

The DSA Organizational Achievement Award recognizes a local or state organization that has made significant contributions in serving deaf seniors.

Nominee criteria: To be considered, the organization must provide evidence of

outstanding service to deaf seniors, which can include:

- Articles or content from newspapers, newsletters, or the organization's website showcasing their service.
- Letter of support from the organization's president.
- Two or more letters from members of the organization endorsing the nomination.

Ralph H. White Extra Mile Award

The DSA Ralph H. White Extra Mile Award honors individuals or a group of individuals who have made significant contributions to serving deaf seniors within their community.

Nominee criteria:

- Must be a member of DSA.
- Must have made significant contributions to deaf seniors.
- Must have served voluntarily (include details on the type and length of service).
- Can be living or deceased.

Submission Deadline: April 30, 2025

Nominations, along with rationale and any supporting materials, should be submitted to Elaine Navratil either via email at elaine.navratil@gmail.com or via mail to:

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