

The 2023 Mental Health Symposium Call for Nominations

The NAMI Richland County Outstanding Service Award is awarded to individuals who have made a significant contribution toward reducing the stigma of mental health in the Black and Brown communities. Nominations may be submitted by any individual who has been impacted by the nominee; self-nominations are also welcome. Up to four individuals will be selected to receive an award, one for each of the categories listed below. The awards will be presented at the Mental Health Symposium on Saturday, February 11, 2023. All nominees and their nominators are welcome to attend.

Categories for Outstanding Service Awards:

- Clergy
- Clinician
- Educator
- Peer Supporter

What are the nomination criteria?

Nominees are evaluated on ways in which they perform above and beyond expectations in the NAMI Values listed below. Nomination letters should indicate and differentiate between contributions which are directly related to reducing the stigma of mental health within the Black and Brown communities and contributions that go above and beyond the nominee's regular responsibilities within the community. Please make sure ALL nomination criteria are addressed and give specific examples of how the nominee makes contributions or actively participates in their community. You are encouraged to ask your nominee to supply further information if needed.

- **Hope** – Believing in the possibility of recovery, wellness, and the potential in all of us.
- **Inclusion** – Embracing diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives.
- **Empowerment** – Promoting confidence, self-efficacy, and service to our mission.
- **Compassion** – Practicing respect, kindness, and empathy.
- **Fairness** – Fighting for equity and justice.

How do I nominate someone for this award?

1. Complete the attached nomination form
2. Submit a letter describing the nominee's background, service category, how the nominee has addressed all 5 NAMI values, and the impact they have had in reducing mental health stigma among Black and Brown communities.
3. Attach two (2) additional letters of support from secondary sources
4. Email the complete nomination packet to the address on the nomination form. The nomination form, nomination letter, and the two letters of support should be typed or written/printed legibly.

The deadline for nominations is 4:30 p.m. on January 25, 2023

Outstanding Service Award Nomination Form

Nominee Name _____

Category for Outstanding Service _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Nominator Name: _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Two (2) Letters of Support

Letter #1: _____

Letter #2: _____

Completed nomination packets should be sent to: aubrie@namirc.org

Office Use Only:

Verify eligibility _____

Total years of service _____

Classification _____