



2022 VJJA MERITORIOUS AWARDS

Award Descriptions

Dear Members,

VJJA recognizes extraordinary contributions in the juvenile justice field. These honors are bestowed upon workers who have demonstrated a high degree of skill and professionalism, who embrace the philosophies upon which VJJA was founded, who embody exceptional dedication and who consistently go above and beyond the call of duty to positively and significantly contribute to the juvenile justice field and the children it serves.

CRITERION

Remember that you must be a VJJA member (in good standing) in order to submit a nomination. Also, with the exception of nominees in the area of community service, nominees must be members. Ensure that you have renewed your membership for FY22 and your nominee has as well. www.vjja.net/join.html

MERITORIOUS AWARD IN THE AREA OF COURT SERVICES

Given annually, this honor is bestowed upon a worker who has demonstrated a high degree of skill and professionalism, who embraces the philosophies upon which VJJA was founded, who embodies exceptional dedication and who consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty to positively and significantly contribute to the juvenile justice field and the children it serves. The nominee should be an employee of a court service unit, as well as a member of VJJA (in good standing).

MERITORIOUS AWARD IN THE AREA OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Given annually, this honor is bestowed upon a worker who has demonstrated a high degree of skill and professionalism, who embraces the philosophies upon which VJJA was founded, who embodies exceptional dedication and who consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty to positively and significantly contribute to the juvenile justice field and the children it serves (particularly children in correctional or residential environments). The nominee should be an employee of a detention home, juvenile correctional center, halfway house, group home, residential treatment center, shelter care facility or other residential setting or in a role supporting or advocating for juveniles in a correctional or residential environment, as well as a member of VJJA (in good standing).

MERITORIOUS AWARD IN THE AREA OF ADMINISTRATION

Given annually, the honor is bestowed upon an administrator who has made a mark on their profession, who embodies the highest degree of excellence in leadership, service, and commitment and who has contributed significantly to the juvenile justice field. The nominee should be in a managerial, supervisory, leadership or policy-making role with an agency serving or working in support of court-involved children. The nominee must also be a member of VJJA (in good standing).

MERITORIOUS AWARD IN THE AREA OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Given annually, the honor is bestowed upon a group or individual working to make a difference in their community. The individual or group should be engaged in work involving or in support of court-involved children and should have positively impacted the lives of young people and inspired or motivated others. The nominee should be a volunteer or professional working with or on behalf of court-involved children, but need not be a VJJA member.

The awards committee values the opportunity to review a diverse range of nominees. To view a list of past winners or to learn more about submitting a nomination, visit our website at: www.vjja.net.

Nominate A Colleague Today

Send Completed Nomination Form to awards@vjja.net

**Nomination Deadline:
October 21, 2022**

Winners Announced at
VJJA's Annual Business Meeting & Awards Ceremony
held in conjunction with the 46th Fall Institute, November 10, 2022