

**MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK AWARDS**

We are currently accepting nominations for the **Social Work Alumna/Alumnus of the Year Award**, the **Outstanding New Social Worker Award**, and the **Outstanding Organization of the Year Award**. These awards are intended to recognize the remarkable contributions of our graduates and community partners.

The criteria for each nomination category are listed below:

**Alumna/Alumnus of the Year:**

- has graduated 10 years or more prior to the current nomination year
- has completed a baccalaureate degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato's BSSW program and/or has completed a master's degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato's MSW program,
- has demonstrated significant *career achievements and/or service* to the social work profession at a local, national, and/or international level
- exemplifies social work values and ethics.

**Outstanding New Social Worker:**

- has demonstrated extraordinary accomplishments in their first 5 years of practice post-BSSW or post-MSW degree.
- contributes to the social work profession and community at a local, national, and/or international level
- has demonstrated significant *career achievements and service* to the social work profession at a local, national, and/or international level
- exemplifies social work values and ethics.

**Outstanding Organization of the Year:**

- has been a long-term support of social work students
- hires Department of Social Work graduates
- provides financial support to social work students who are employed with their organization
- has been, or is currently involved in, supporting the Department of Social Work through collaborations that provide opportunities such as providing tours, guest speaking, volunteering, advocacy, training, or offering other services that will enhance student learning experiences.

Please complete the form below to nominate an outstanding individual or organization.

**Nomination Submission Deadline**

[Insert Date Here]

## ONLINE NOMINATION FORM

**Nomination Category** (Select and submit **one** nomination per category):

- Alumna/Alumnus of the Year
- Outstanding New Social Worker
- Outstanding Organization of the Year

**Nominee Information**

**Full Name of Nominee:**

**Nominee's Phone Number:**

**Nominee's Email Address:**

**Nominee's Completed Program** (*BSSW or MSW*):

**Year of Nominee's Graduation:**

**Nominee's Current Employer/Volunteer Organization**

**Nomination Statement**

In the space provided, explain how the nominee meets the nomination category criteria. It is preferred the explanation is written in 300 - 500 words.

**Nominator(s) Information** (*List all individuals nominating, and their information below*)

**Full Name of Nominator(s):**

**Relationship(s) to Nominee:**

**Nominator (s) Phone Number(s):**

**Nominator(s) Email Address(es):**

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Social Work 507-389-6504.

**We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our alumni and partners.  
Thank you for your nomination!**