2021
Awards Nominations,
Guidelines, and Forms
NAMI Virginia 2021 Awards Guidelines

We are excited to announce that this year we will be presenting **FIVE** awards at the NAMI Virginia 2021 Virtual Annual Conference on November 17, 2021. For more information visit our website at [http://namivirginia.org/events/annual-meeting/](http://namivirginia.org/events/annual-meeting/). The award categories are:

- Spirit of Recovery Award
- Outstanding NAMI Affiliate Award
- The Hope Award
- Young Leader Award
- Outstanding Legislator Award – nominee selected internally

Applications can be found for each in this package for public nominations except the Outstanding Legislator award which is determined internally. An individual can make multiple nominations.

**All nominations forms must be submitted by 5:00 pm on October 15, 2021.**

Please email, fax, or mail any or all forms to:

NAMI Virginia  
Attn: “Award Nomination”  
P.O Box 8260  
Richmond, VA 23226  
Fax: (804) 285-8464  
Email: springfieldkay@gmail.com

Thank you for helping us to recognize outstanding leaders within NAMI Virginia and the mental health community!
Spirit of Recovery Award

The Spirit of Recovery Award recognizes a person who is living with mental illness for his or her service, courage, and leadership on behalf of people with mental illness. The recipient displays exemplary courage and leadership not only in staying the course to recovery but also educating others through NAMI’s programs in Virginia and helping others to understand, pursue or experience recovery.

Your Name: _______________________________ Your Email and Phone Number: _______________________________

Your Organization/Affiliate (If the nomination is being made on behalf of an organization/affiliate): ________________________________________________________________

Who are you nominating? ________________________________________________________________

The nominee is deserving of this award because (Please list primary reason and three supporting reasons/examples. Use additional paper if more space is needed):

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Outstanding NAMI Affiliate Award

The Outstanding NAMI Affiliate Award recognizes a local NAMI Virginia affiliate’s outstanding achievement with NAMI’s education and support programs, advocacy, and in other areas supporting recovery and individuals living with mental illness.

Your Name: ____________________________ Your Email and Phone Number: ______________________________

Your Organization/Affiliate (If the nomination is being made on behalf of an organization/affiliate): ________________________________________________________________

Which NAMI Affiliate are you nominating? ________________________________________________________________

The nominee is deserving of this award because (Please list primary reason and three supporting reasons/examples. Use additional paper if more space is needed):

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The Hope Award

The Hope Award recognizes a NAMI Virginia family member or caregiver of someone with mental illness who displays exemplary leadership within NAMI’s education and support programs, advocacy, and other venues.

Your Name: _______________________________ Your Email and Phone Number: _______________________________

Your Organization/Affiliate (If the nomination is being made on behalf of an organization/affiliate): ________________________________________________________________

Who are you nominating? _____________________________________________________________________________

The nominee is deserving of this award because *(Please list primary reason and three supporting reasons/examples. Use additional paper if more space is needed)*:

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Young Leader Award

The Young Leader Award recognizes a youth or young adult between the ages of 14-30 who exhibits exceptional leadership and courage. As a leader or participant in NAMI Virginia’s programs, including Youth MOVE Virginia, the recipient works to promote resiliency, recovery, and mental health awareness in his/her community, all while empowering and supporting other youth and young adults with mental health needs.

Your Name: ______________________________ Your Email and Phone Number: ______________________________

Your Organization/Affiliate (If the nomination is being made on behalf of an organization/affiliate):
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Who are you nominating? ________________________________________________

The nominee is deserving of this award because (Please list primary reason and three supporting reasons/examples. Use additional paper if more space is needed):
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