As challenges to a civil and humane society evolve, so do the challenges to the field and practice of social work and the delivery of human services. Social problems are complex and require comprehensive and imaginative solutions that stretch across specializations and practice fields.

SSA invites you to nominate an SSA alumnus/a for distinguished service to society and for outstanding professional contributions at the local, national, or international levels. This significant award honors exceptional leadership in an agency or within a community; meaningful contributions through research or publications; or demonstrated creativity in traditional, non-traditional, or innovative approaches to practice.

Nominees should reflect the mission of SSA and demonstrate an on-going relationship with the School and a commitment to its growth. The nominee selected will be recognized during Alumni Weekend in October of 2013.

Nominations are due March 30
The SSA Alumni Association Nominations Committee will select the person to be recognized based on the following:

**Criteria**

- Extraordinary success in career and consistent, long-term, high-level achievement
- Stellar advances in the field of social work which have enhanced the profession overall
- Success of total enterprise, agency, division, or initiative which can be directly attributed to the direction or efforts of the individual nominee
- Clinical innovation, policy innovation, or research advances which can be directly attributed to the work/direction of the individual nominee
- Use of influence and effectiveness with public and in the social work profession (or a related profession) to support advances in the field of social work
- Recognition by colleagues, peers, public, and clients for outstanding contributions towards social welfare
- Use of influence and effectiveness in the SSA community to help support SSA and current students
- Always practicing, modeling, and espousing exemplary ethics

**Required supporting documentation**

- Nominee’s resume or CV
- Statement of nomination (2000 words or less)

**Additional supporting documentation**

Optional, but highly encouraged (please provide no more than 15 pages of additional documentation)

- Letter(s) of reference (max: 3)
- Newspaper, journal, or other articles about nominee
- Information about previous awards received by nominee

Anyone can nominate a distinguished SSA alum for the Edith Abbott Award.

You may mail, fax, or e-mail your nomination materials to:

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