

# NYSAA Awards Categories

## **MEMBERS ONLY**

### ***ASSESSOR'S OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD***

To be awarded to those individual members of the NYSAA actively serving as Assessors who have made an outstanding contribution to the state-of-the-art and in doing so have furthered the professional status of the Assessor's role in real property tax administration and real estate appraising. Recommendations for this award rest with the local county Assessors' Associations and must be signed by both the President and Secretary of the said Associations reflecting the favorable action of the specific county organization as a whole or recommendations may be accepted from three or more of the nominee's peers who are members in good standing of the NYSAA.

### ***ROBERT OSIAS PROFESSIONALISM AWARD***

To be awarded to those individual members of the NYSAA actively serving as Assessors and who have held their office for at least nine consecutive years, serving with diligence, integrity and a quiet professional competence that has won the approbation of their peers, the municipality he or she serves and reflects credit upon the entire profession. Recommendations for this award rest with the local county Assessors' Associations and must be signed by both the President and Secretary of the said Association reflecting the favorable action of the county organization as a whole. It is further advised that such recommendation include supporting letters from the related municipality and the County Director or Real Property Tax Service. Recommendations may also be accepted from three or more of the nominee's peers who are members in good standing of the NYSAA.

### ***SUSAN U. HOWARTH OUTSTANDING STAFF ASSISTANCE AWARD***

To be awarded to those individual members of the NYSAA actively serving as staff and who have held their position for at least nine consecutive years, serving with diligence, integrity and professional competence that has won the appreciation of their peers and reflects credit upon the entire assessment community. Recommendations for this award should be made from the local County Assessors' Associations or from three or more of the nominee's peers who are members in good standing of the NYSAA.

### ***DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD***

This award, the highest afforded by the New York State Assessors' Association, is to be awarded discriminately in recognition of those members who have served the Association with many years of distinguished and dedicated service; members whose character, integrity and

skill have reflected favorably on both the profession as a whole and the New York State Assessors' Association in particular.

### ***INNOVATION AWARD***

This award is established to recognize new ideas developed by New York State Assessors' Association members in two categories: public information and office procedures and techniques. Entries may be submitted in one or both categories. Public information entries will be considered for the member who has developed the most effective, original idea resulting in some improvement in the office procedures previously employed. Those entering this category should prepare a written statement outlining the new idea including the existing problem and the results achieved through adoption and implementation of the idea, and submit an exhibit illustrating application of the idea.

### ***MEMBERSHIP AWARD***

This award is presented to the New York State Assessors' Association member who has contributed the most in the promotion and recruitment of new members –regular, associate and subscribing. For the purposes of the award, credit for new member recruitment is granted for the period immediately after an annual conference, and extends 60 days prior to the next annual conference.

### ***MOST VALUABLE MEMBER AWARD***

This award is presented to the member who's unfailing and diligent endeavors have been most effective in promoting the interest of the New York State Assessors' Association during the 12 month period prior to July 1 of the current year.

## **MEMBERS OR NON-MEMBERS**

### ***CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION***

This award is given to any organization or individual, public or private, who has provided noteworthy assistance to the cause of assessment administration in the areas of legislation and/or education, thus promoting the interests and objectives of the New York State Assessors' Association.

### ***DISTINGUISHED ASSESSMENT JURISDICTION AWARD***

This award is conferred on a local or regional assessment related agency that has instituted a technical, procedural, or administrative program that is an improvement over prior programs,

and is a contributing factor to equity in property taxation. The submission must include a description of the program, the date or dates when the program was implemented, the reason for the new program, a description of the effect of the new program on assessment administration, and a detailed description of the program.

### ***DISTINGUISHED ASSISTANCE AWARD***

This award is conferred on the organization, agency or individual, either public or private, who has been most effective in rendering significant support to the cause of assessment administration in the areas of organization and practice.

### ***MEDIA AWARD***

This award is designed to encourage quality coverage of assessment and property tax concerns by the media. These awards are conferred upon individuals or organizations in the news medium that have produced an original work that contributes to a better understanding of assessment administration. All works must have appeared or been broadcast within the calendar year prior to submission. The title of the article, editorial, or tape transcript, if radio or television broadcast, publication the item appeared in, date, author(s) and reason for recommendation must be included with the nomination.

### ***OUTSTANDING COUNTY ASSOCIATION AWARD***

This award is conferred on a NYSAA County Chapter or Association that has made an outstanding contribution to the realization of the goals and objectives of the New York State Assessors' Association. Examples of such contributions would be educational activities, research and publications, public information activities, and membership recruitment and retention. The Chapter or Association must have 100% membership for the year prior to and the year in which it is nominated.

### ***PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AWARD***

This award is given to the governmental entity that has developed and implemented an effective system for the dissemination of information to taxpayers concerning the assessment process. This may include, but is not limited to, public relations forums, brochures explaining assessment administration, local media programs, and development of audio-visual programs. Pertinent information must be supplied to support the nomination in the form of either an original or photocopy of the program/brochure or a copy of any audio-visual program.