



Excellence In Government AWARDS 2022

BGR'S Excellence in Government Awards honor creative, dedicated public employees and private citizens who have worked to improve local and state government in the New Orleans metropolitan area.

The **Lifetime Achievement Award** recognizes sustained performance over a career in public service. BGR will present up to two Lifetime Achievement Awards, with cash awards of \$1,000 each.

The **Merit Award** recognizes outstanding performance by public sector employees. BGR will present up to four Merit Awards, with cash awards of \$500 each.

The **Innovation Award** recognizes employees who have used innovative solutions to successfully address pressing problems. BGR will present up to three Innovation Awards, with cash awards of \$1,000 each.

The **Citizenship Award** recognizes a private citizen who has worked to improve the quality of government. BGR will present one Citizenship Award.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: JUNE 30, 2022

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Who is Eligible?

A nominee for the *Lifetime Achievement Award* or *Merit Award* must have worked all or part of the time since January 1, 2020 as:

- An individual public employee or group of public employees (classified, unclassified or appointed). Elected officials are not eligible.
- Full- or part-time, but not as a consultant or independent contractor.
- An employee of a state or local governmental entity in the New Orleans metropolitan area. A governmental entity may include a school chartered by the state or local school board. Employees of other non-profit organizations, and federal employees, are not eligible.

Innovation Award nominees must meet those same eligibility requirements, but they can be employed all or part of the time since July 1, 2017.

Additionally, *Lifetime Achievement Award* nominees must have at least 15 years of local or state public employment in the New Orleans metropolitan area. Federal employment is not considered. The accomplishments of *Merit Award* nominees must have occurred during the time period January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022. For the *Innovation Award*, implementation of the nominee's innovation must have begun no earlier than July 1, 2017. Please consider whether there has been sufficient time since the innovation's implementation to confirm its success.

A *Citizenship Award* nominee must be a private citizen in the New Orleans metropolitan area who has not served in the public sector during the previous five years as an elected official, public employee, paid consultant or contractor. Individuals who have served on BGR's Board of Directors within the past 10 years are not eligible. The accomplishments of Citizenship nominees are not subject to time limits.

To Nominate Someone

Complete the [online form here on BGR's website](#), or complete the form on the following pages and attach written responses to the questions asked. Incomplete nominations will not be considered. Do not include videos, photographs or other materials.

Deliver the nomination form by email, mail, or hand delivery by June 30, 2022:

BGR Excellence in Government Awards
1055 St. Charles Ave., Ste. 200
New Orleans, LA 70130
Email: bgrevents@bgr.org Fax: (504) 525-4153

Honoree Selection & Notification

BGR will acknowledge receipt of each nomination and notify nominators of the selection committee's decision. BGR will also notify honorees of their selection.

Awards Presentation

BGR will present the awards later this year. Each nominator will receive an invitation to the awards presentation regardless of whether his or her nominee is selected as an honoree.

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The Bureau of Governmental Research is a private, nonprofit, independent research organization dedicated to informed public policy making and the effective use of public resources for the improvement of government in the New Orleans metropolitan area. Learn more at www.bgr.org.

For questions regarding the BGR Excellence in Government Awards, please contact Marci Schramm, at bgrevents@bgr.org or (504) 525-4152 x108.

NOMINATION FORM

BGR Excellence in Government Awards 2022

Please type or print legibly.

INDIVIDUAL NOMINEE OR GROUP NOMINEE CONTACT

If nominating a group, indicate contact person or group leader here. List the other group members in the space provided at the end of the form.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Parish/Municipality: _____

Department/Agency/Organization (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Primary Award Category (select one): Lifetime Achievement Innovation Merit Citizenship

Secondary Award Category (does not apply to Citizenship nominees): Innovation Merit

BGR will consider your public employee nominee(s) for a secondary award category if not chosen for the primary award indicated above. You may submit Lifetime Achievement nominees for Innovation, Merit or both. You must answer questions 2, 3, 4 and 5 for each secondary category selected.

NOMINEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Using no more than three pages, please answer the following questions about your nominee's accomplishments. Please be as specific as possible. Detailed responses give BGR's review committee a clearer understanding of your nominee's accomplishments. Insufficient information can cause the committee to overlook strong nominees.

Lifetime Achievement Award (An Exemplary Career of Public Service)

1. State the nominee's hire date. If the nominee's career spanned multiple public agencies, please provide the dates of employment at each agency.
2. Describe the role of the agencies or departments for which the nominee has worked. Describe the nominee's duties at each agency or department. For a nominee who has worked in a public school, discuss the school's mission and the student population served.
3. Describe the nominee's accomplishments during his/her career. For each accomplishment, be sure to include the dates, the challenges the nominee faced, and significant actions taken by the nominee to achieve successful outcomes.
4. Provide measurable and verifiable evidence of the results achieved during the nominee's career (such as financial performance, operational improvement, student performance or other evidence of improvement in the timeliness, quality or quantity of products or services delivered to the public).
5. How did the nominee help the agency or department to reach or exceed its goals?
6. Describe specific instances in which the nominee's efforts and performance went above and beyond the expected job requirements.
7. Describe why you think the nominee is exceptional.

Merit Award (Outstanding Performance during the period January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022)

1. Describe the role of the agency or department for which the nominee works. Describe the nominee's duties. For a nominee who has worked in a public school, discuss the school's mission and the student population served.
2. Describe the nominee's outstanding performance and accomplishments. How did the nominee prevent, through foresight and early intervention, a significant problem or expenditure from occurring? Or, how did the nominee increase public satisfaction with products or services delivered to the public?
3. Provide measurable and verifiable evidence of the results achieved (such as financial performance, operational improvement, student performance, or other evidence of improvement in the timeliness, quality or quantity of products or services delivered to the public).
4. How did the nominee help the agency or department to reach or exceed its goals?
5. How did the nominee's efforts and performance go above and beyond the expected job requirements?
6. Describe why you think the nominee is exceptional.

Innovation Award (Successful Innovations Implemented Since July 1, 2017)

1. Describe the role of the agency or department for which the nominee works. Describe the nominee's duties. For a nominee who has worked in a public school, discuss the school's mission and the student population served.
2. Describe the problem that existed before the nominee's idea was implemented, and what was significant about it.
3. How did the nominee innovate a solution to the problem?
4. Provide measurable and verifiable evidence of the results achieved (such as financial performance, operational improvement, student performance, or other evidence of improvement in the timeliness, quality or quantity of products or services delivered to the public).
5. To what extent did the nominee take risks that challenged established practices?
6. Describe why you think the nominee is exceptional.

Citizenship Award (A Private Citizen Who Has Improved the Quality of Government)

1. Describe the public policy problems that the nominee worked to solve or the public services that the nominee worked to improve. How were they important to good governance or government efficiency?
2. How did the nominee exhibit exceptional volunteerism in his or her efforts?
3. How did the nominee's efforts lead to improved public service or better governance?
4. Describe any specific improvement or reform that was directly attributable to the nominee's efforts.
5. Describe why you think the nominee is an exceptional citizen.

NOMINATOR

Name: _____

Title: _____

Parish/Municipality: _____

Department/Agency/Other: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

REFERENCES

Reference 1

Name: _____ Title: _____

Department/Agency/Other: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Reference 2

Name: _____ Title: _____

Department/Agency/Other: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

GROUP MEMBERS

If you are nominating a group, list the names and titles of all group members (except the contact person or group leader). If the group has more than 6 members, please continue the list on a separate sheet of paper.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____