



VIRGINIA HOUSING ALLIANCE

2023 Virginia Housing Alliance Awards:

Recognizing Leaders, Innovators and Changemakers in Our Commonwealth

- Emerging Leader
- Game Changer
- Housing Champion
(Distinguished Philanthropist)
- Outstanding Service Provider
- Hall of Fame

Award Descriptions and Criteria

Emerging Leader

The Emerging Leader Award recognizes a young or up-and-coming professional who has demonstrated the potential for leadership and continuing service as well as demonstrated dedication and ability to engage and impact their community.

Criteria:

- The nominee must be in their first 10 years in the housing/homeless-services field;
- The nominee must not have previously received an Emerging Leader Award;
- The nominee must have made significant achievements in or contributions to homeless services or affordable housing;
- The nominee must have shown outstanding promise for continuing service and leadership.

Game Changer

The “Game Changer” Award recognizes Virginia’s housing leaders for major breakthroughs or outstanding achievements in the homeless-services or affordable housing fields.

Criteria:

- The nominee must be an innovator, visionary, influencer and/or doer;
- The nominee must have led, launched, or achieved a major breakthrough or accomplished outstanding achievements in services, housing programs, development, research, finance, education, health, and/or advocacy.

Outstanding Service Provider

The “Outstanding Service Provider” Award recognizes an individual whose dedication has made a significant impact on their clients or program in homeless, affordable housing, or direct tenant services in the Commonwealth.

Criteria:

- The nominee must work in a housing services program with direct clients or caseload

Housing Champion (Distinguished Philanthropist)

The “Housing Champion” award recognizes individuals or organizations whose philanthropic achievements have made a significant impact in housing or homeless-services advocacy and/or education work throughout the Commonwealth and whose generosity inspires others to philanthropic action.

Criteria:

- Nominee must have a proven record of philanthropy or business practices that have had a major impact on housing access or affordability in Virginia.

Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame recognizes Virginia’s housing leaders who have demonstrated outstanding career performance in the homeless-services or affordable housing fields in the Commonwealth.

Criteria:

- The nominee must be retired as of June 30, 2023;
- The nominee must have outstanding career performance in the areas of housing programs, services, development, or finance.

General Entry Guidelines:

1. All entries must be submitted using the nomination form online or download the form and send it directly to Lois Wallenhorst at:
lwallenhorst@vahousingalliance.org
2. No self-nominations accepted;
3. Submit up to three pages of additional supporting documentation, if applicable, with the exception of multimedia;
4. Prior year (2022) winners are not eligible to receive an award for the same category in 2022;
5. All nominations are due by **April 7, 2023.**
6. Complete the [VHA Annual Awards Nomination Form](#).