

American Psychiatric Association

Jacob K. Javits Public Service Award

On behalf of the American Psychiatric Association (APA), the Council on Advocacy and Government Relations presents the Jacob K. Javits Public Service Award annually to a public servant who has made a significant contribution to the mentally ill. This is the highest award conferred upon a public servant by the APA, representing more than 37,400 psychiatric physicians nationwide, and their patients. The Javits Award is given annually, alternately to a state public servant and a federal public servant. Presenting the Javits Award gives APA the opportunity to showcase the work honorees provide on behalf of consumers and the fields of health care and mental health care.

In 1986, the APA established the Jacob K. Javits Public Service Award to honor the legacy of a U.S. Senator from New York, Jacob K. Javits. First elected in 1956, Senator Javits served for 24 years, using his position on the then-Labor and Public Welfare Committee to spearhead health-related legislation, achieving multiple successes on behalf of the mentally ill and on substance abuse issues. In the name of this great statesman, the Council on Advocacy and Government Relations confers this award to federal and state public servants, who have earned recognition for outstanding contributions to the cause of the mentally ill.

Past recipients of the Jacob K. Javits Public Service Award include Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) (2012), U.S. Representative Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ) (2021), Secretary Rachel Levine, M.D. (PA) (2018), Honorable Gayle Harrell (FL State Senate) (2020), U.S. Representative Doris Matsui (D-CA) (2019), U.S. Representative Lloyd Doggett (D-TX) (2008), and Olympia Snow (R-ME) (2010).

Nomination Form

Your Name

Address

Telephone/ Email

District Branch / State Association

Name of Individual You Are Nominating

Position of Nominee

Materials required for a nomination include:

1. Abbreviated bio of the nominee.
2. Nomination or justification letter from you or District Branch / State Association.
3. Supporting letters from other organizations. (optional)

If you would like to nominate someone for consideration, please submit these materials to the Department of Government Relations by **Friday, August 27, 2021. Nominations must be received by August 27, 2021.**

Attn: Trip Stanford American Psychiatric Association

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Please email the completed form and attach the bio and your statement separately.