



SELECTION CRITERIA FOR CASW DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (BC)

1. **Eligibility** – The nominee must be a member of BCASW and preferably a registered social worker thus conforming to the legal definition of social work in British Columbia. They must not be a previous CASW award recipient.
2. **Contribution to the profession** - This mainly involves contributions to the professional association at the branch, provincial, or national levels; it may also involve contributions to the social work profession as a spokesperson, member of the BC College, government representative, union representative for social workers etc.
3. **Contribution to practice** – The areas of active practice the person has been involved with and their contributions in those areas (ie. child welfare, medical social work, private practice, community development etc.); is there evidence of any innovation in practice; how are they regarded by practitioners in their particular field; has their practice been recognized in any way?
4. **Recognition in the broader community** - the degree to which the person is known outside of social work due to their contributions within social work; this might include media profile; awards etc. Also, are there ways in which they contributed to other disciplines and professions outside social work?
5. **Advocacy/social justice** - the degree to which the person embodies principles of advocacy and social justice; actions and activities that promote rights, fairness, and opportunity; note how this has been demonstrated.
6. How has the nominee added to the overall **profile** of the social work profession? This is a collective appraisal of criteria 1 to 4 – an overall level of competence.
7. Have these qualities been **sustained and consistent**? The emphasis is on practitioners whose performance has been steadfast over a period of years (at least 10 years of sustained performance).

Each category (2 through 7) is scored out of 5 for a total possible score of 30.