

## MEMORANDUM

TO: State, Provincial, and Territorial Psychological Association (SPTA) Leaders & Executive Directors  
Division 31 Leaders and Executive Director

FROM: Krithika Malhotra, PhD, Past-Chair of the APA Committee of State Leaders (CSL) & Chair of the CSL Awards Subcommittee  
Connie Galietti, JD, APA Managing Director for State Engagement

DATE: October 8, 2024

SUBJECT: Call for Nominations for APA CSL 2025 State Leadership Award  
**DUE DATE: October 31, 2024**

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On behalf of the Committee of State Leaders (CSL), we are pleased announce the call for nominations for the Annual State Leadership Award. Each state, provincial, and territorial psychological association (SPTA) and Division 31 (State and Provincial Psychological Association Affairs) is invited to submit one nominee for this honor, which will be presented at the Practice & SPTA Leadership Conference (PSLC) in February 2025.

CSL has a long history of contributing to PSLC, APA's premier leadership training conference, including coordination of the conference Diversity Programming for the past 20 years and raising the consciousness of attendees about issues of diversity and inclusion. These diversity and inclusion issues include, but are not limited to, age and career stage, gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, culture, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, ability status, language, socioeconomic status, immigration status, and level of acculturation. It is hoped that SPTAs will be mindful of the impact of differences in power and privilege as they consider their nominees.

Please see the attached description of the Award criteria that the CSL developed and approved with the support of the Board of Professional Affairs (BPA).

**Please note that we encourage nominations of deserving candidates whom you may have nominated before but who were not previously selected. For your information, we are attaching a list of previous recipients of the Award. Submissions should be reflective of the State Leadership Award criteria set forth in the attached document, and we request that you adhere to these two submission guidelines:**

1. please develop a **narrative of no more than 500 words** that describes your nominee and reasons for this nomination; and
2. submit a **ONE PAGE (maximum) set of bullet points** highlighting your nominee's accomplishments and contributions.

Please note: any submissions that do not adhere to the above requirements will be returned and must be resubmitted by the deadline. We want to emphasize the importance of a well-written application that details the breadth, depth and length of the nominee's service and leadership. E-mail your submission to Connie Galietti (cgalietti@apa.org) by **October 31, 2024**. The awardee will be notified by November 15, 2024, and will be invited to PLSC to receive the award. We appreciate your participation in this effort. Many staff and volunteer leaders of state, provincial, and territorial associations deserve our recognition and appreciation. We look forward to your nomination.

cc: Teri Strong, PhD, Chair, Board of Professional Affairs  
Jared Skillings, PhD, Chief of Professional Practice

### **Criteria for Annual State Leadership Award\***

- 1.** A psychologist who has shown outstanding service to states, provinces, or territories as an officer, committee or task force chair, staff person or member in the state, provincial, or territorial psychological association (SPTA).
- 2.** A psychologist who has demonstrated significant participation in local or national advocacy and legislative efforts advancing the profession of psychology.
- 3.** A psychologist who has demonstrated national leadership and achievement through significant contributions to national-level psychological organizations and activities that pertain to state, provincial or territorial issues, or state-, provincial- or territorial-level activities that have national significance or influence.
- 4.** A psychologist who has engaged in initiatives to strengthen STPA-APA partnerships, to promote the representation of SPTAs within APA, and to support the election of individuals who have advocated for state, provincial or territorial agendas for election to boards, committees, and officers of APA.

**\* Individuals who are members of the Committee of State Leaders (CSL) and the Board of Professional Affairs (BPA) at the time the award is selected by the Awards Subcommittee as well as those who are serving on BPA or CSL at the time the award is given at PSLC are not eligible to nominate or be nominated since they select and ratify the award recipient.**