UNL EMERITI AND RETIREES ASSOCIATION
Wisherd Award for Outstanding Community Service

Purpose

Each year currently paid-up members of the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association and all UNL administrators (departmental chairs, and directors, deans, vice chancellors, etc.) will be asked to nominate members of the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association who have given outstanding service to their community of residence. Service may include sharing time and talents with governmental committees/boards/agencies, educational systems, community improvement associations, community service organizations, charitable organizations, and arts organizations that have a positive impact on their community. The Maude E. Wisherd Fund provides $500 to recognize outstanding volunteer service to a member’s community of residence.

Public recognition of honorees will focus attention on the volunteer work by retirees, promote the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association and encourage other retirees to consider ways they might be of service to their community.

Eligibility and Criteria

- Nominee must have been retired from University for at least two years.
- Only volunteer service provided since retirement shall be considered.
- To be considered volunteer service, there must be no compensation.
- Only volunteer service to tax-exempt charitable organizations shall be considered.
- Members of the selection committee must recuse themselves if nominated for this award.

Nomination Process

- Around April 1 of each year a call will be issued for nominations.
- Any Association member or UNL Administrator may nominate a member of the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association who has provided outstanding volunteer service to his/her community for a sustained period of time.
- Nominator should complete and submit the nomination form.
- Deadline for submitting the nomination is May 15.
- The Awards Selection Committee will conclude its work and identify the awardee by the end of June. The award will be announced at the September Association meeting.
- Only the nominee chosen to receive this award will be notified of his/her nomination/selection.

Recognition Process

- At the September Association luncheon meeting the individual selected to receive this award will be recognized and presented a certificate that reflects the honor being received.
The Association will contribute $500 in honor of each recipient to the ERA Scholarship Fund.

The Association will broadly publicize the award in campus publications, community publications, the Association’s newsletter and website with a picture of the recipient and a brief description of the volunteer work that led to the recognition.

Email Nomination Form and Letter to:
Patricia Crews (Pcrews1@unl.edu)
Awards Committee Chair
UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association

If you have questions, please contact Pat Crews by email (Pcrews1@unl.edu).