

2026 SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF AREA AGENCIES ON AGING CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

SE4A presents six annual award categories to acknowledge services to older adults: **Jane Kennedy Excellence in Aging, Positive Images in Aging, Public/Private Corporate Partnerships, Outstanding Community Service, Outstanding Volunteer in Aging, and Aging Impact.** The Honorary Lifetime Membership Award is given each year to qualified former AAA Directors who have served on the SE4A Board.

	JANE KENNEDY EXCELLENCE IN AGING	POSITIVE IMAGES IN AGING	CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP	OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE	OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER IN AGING	AGING IMPACT
SINCE	1977	1987	1991	2000	2003	2007
PURPOSE	Recognition of an INDIVIDUAL or ORGANIZATION that promotes the safety, welfare, and well-being of older persons in the Southeast region. Paid AAA staff are not eligible to be nominated.	Recognition of GROUPS, AGENCIES OR BUSINESSES in the private and/or public sector who have presented a positive image of older adults through their efforts in advertising, hiring practices, etc. whose platform has impacted a large market.	Recognition of AAA AND BUSINESS partnerships which have enhanced the quality of life of older adults. <i>Corporation</i> is defined as a business that has a for-profit status.	Recognition of FAITH-BASED INSTITUTION, SERVICE AGENCY and ORGANIZATION, CIVIC CLUB, or GOVERNMENTAL DEPARTMENT which have made positive contributions to the lives of older adults.	Recognition of an INDIVIDUAL who has made a significant contribution through volunteering his or her time in the Southeast aging network.	Recognition of PUBLIC POLICY MAKERS at the city/county, regional/state, and national levels who have made an observable and measurable impact on the quality of life for older adults by providing leadership in one or more areas: Advocacy, Public Policy Change, Securing New or Additional Funding, Program Development, and/or Cultural Enhancement.
WINNERS	One Person or one organization	One	One	One	One Person	Up to three elected officials from local, and/or state, and/or national level
CRITERIA	50% Contribution to SE4A or national level involvement in the Aging Network. 25% Leadership ability 25% Professional development	NA	20% Level of importance the issue the program is designed to address 15% Creativity 15% Level of resources devoted to the program 30% Effectiveness in meeting objectives 20% Extent to which experience can provide guidance to other organizations	20% Level of importance the issue the program is designed to address 15% Creativity 15% Level of resources devoted to the program 30% Effectiveness in meeting objectives 20% Extent to which experience can provide guidance to other organizations	40% Difference or impact made to the community or organization 25% Number of lives touched 25% Displays a positive impact on volunteers 10% Active volunteer for entire year	50% Outcomes impacting quality of life of older adults 25% Evidence of Impact 25% Evidence of leadership skills
NOMINATIONS	Unlimited					
DUE DATE	June 15, 2026					
AWARD	Trophy	Plaque	Two Plaques (AAA & Partner)	Plaque	Trophy	Plaque
OTHER	SE4A pays for two nights hotel lodging and up to \$300 in travel expenses for the winner to attend the Awards Ceremony. SE4A covers lunch for recipient and one guest.	Winner pays own way. SE4A covers lunch for recipient and one guest.	Winner pays own way. SE4A covers lunch for recipient and one guest.	Winner(s) pay own way. SE4A covers lunch for recipient and one guest.	SE4A pays for two nights hotel lodging and up to \$300 in travel expenses for the winner to attend the Awards Ceremony. SE4A covers lunch for recipient and one guest.	Winner(s) pay own way. SE4A covers lunch for recipient and one guest.

These awards can provide real visibility and positive public relations for you, your area agency on aging, and your state. It can also help your colleagues in other states approach similar organizations to provide comparable contributions to the elderly cause. Please use your imagination and creativity. **ENTER A NOMINATION TODAY!**

All entries must be complete and postmarked or received via email no later than by June 15, 2026.

Scholarship opportunities are also available each year for students and staff and volunteers with the AAA located in the SE4A states. Criteria for the scholarships are listed below. **All entries must be complete and postmarked or received via email by June 15, 2026.**

	Student Scholarship Awards	Memorial Conference Scholarship Award	Honorary Lifetime Membership
SINCE	1994	2017	2008
PURPOSE	To financially assist students who are pursuing a career in gerontology or geriatrics.	To honor those SE4A Board members who have served in the past and provided leadership, vision and a love of learning to others in the Aging network by sponsoring an attendee at the annual SE4A Conference	To honor AAA Directors who have left their position and who have dedicated their time and energy to SE4A.
WINNERS	Two per year	Minimum of one award presented each year with a maximum individual award of \$1,000. Depending on costs and location of conference, it is at the discretion of the Award Committee to award more than one award per year.	Unlimited Automatically awarded upon retirement
CRITERIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior, senior or graduate student actively enrolled in an accredited university within the 9 SE4A states • 25% financial need • 25% connection to the SE4A AAA network • 10% writing skills (essay required) • 15% maintain 3.0 GPA • 10% volunteer work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current AAA in good standing with SE4A membership dues up to date • Active staff member or volunteer within same AAA • 15% if nominee has never or rarely attends SE4A annual conference • 20% letter of support/recommendation from nominating AAA • 25% financial need • 40% essay from nominee 	Any one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years of service to SE4A Brd • Served as chair of a committee for se4a • Served as an officer for SE4A
NOMINATIONS	Unlimited	1 application per AAA	Unlimited
NOMINATIONS DUE	June 15, 2026		
PRESENTATION	2026 SE4A Annual Conference Awards Luncheon, September 2026, in Virginia		
AWARD	Monetary award of \$2,500	Reimbursement of costs incurred to attend SE4A Annual Conference up to a maximum of \$1000 per awardee.	-Free conference and luncheon registration (does not include travel/hotel/other expense). -Membership card -Meeting and conference notices
OTHER	SE4A covers lunch for each recipient and their one guest at the Awards Luncheon.	SE4A will cover conference registration fee, lunch is included.	

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