

CSGA Awards Guidelines

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Award of Merit

Purpose: To recognize a distinctive or important contribution to genealogy and family history in a specific area of the State of California.

Eligibility: The individual must be a member of CSGA or must be a member of a CSGA society.

Number/Frequency: The CSGA can present more than one Award of Merit each year. Only one entry per society per year will be considered.

Nomination/Application Process:

1. Complete and submit the application provided by CSGA. This application may be found online at www.csga.com, click on the Awards item on the menu, or may be obtained from any CSGA officer or Regional Director. Be sure to complete the application and provide a contact person.
2. Nominations are accepted on at any time.
3. Applications will be reviewed by the CSGA awards committee.

Selection Criteria:

1. The application should include a detailed description of the nominee's contribution to the genealogy community in California. This will be critical and have great influence in the selection process. Be thorough and assume the review panel is unfamiliar with the nominee's unique work. Provide concrete examples.
2. The awards panel will be looking an individual who has contributed conspicuous service or is recognized to have made a valuable contribution to the advancement or promotion of genealogy in a specific area of California.
3. Copies of supporting materials may be submitted to strengthen the application. All materials thus submitted will be returned upon request.

Certificate of Appreciation

Purpose: To recognize excellent and meritorious service for the California genealogical community.

Eligibility: The individual must be a CSGA member or the individual must be a member of a CSGA society.

Number/Frequency: The CSGA can present more than one Certificate of Appreciation each year. Only one entry per society per year will be considered.

Nomination/Application Process:

1. Complete and submit the application provided by CSGA. This application may be found online at www.csga.com , click on the Awards item on the menu, or may be

obtained from any CSGA officer and positive contributions to the genealogical community as demonstrated by positive results of the nominee's actions.

2. Copies of supporting materials may be submitted to strengthen the application. All materials thus submitted will be returned upon request.

Distinguished Service Award

Purpose: This award is intended to recognize extraordinary and outstanding service and achievements to CSGA or to a member society sustained over a period of several years. It is the highest achievement award given by CSGA.

Eligibility: The individual must be a member of CSGA or must be a member of a CSGA society.

Number/Frequency: The CSGA may present one Distinguished Service Award each year, which will be presented at the CSGA Annual Meeting. Only one entry per society per year will be considered.

Nomination/Application Process:

1. Complete and submit the application provided by CSGA. This application may be found online at www.csga.com, click on the Awards item on the menu, or may be obtained from any CSGA officer or Regional Director. Be sure to complete the application and provide a contact person.
2. Nominations are accepted at any time.
3. Applications will be reviewed by the CSGA awards committee.

Selection Criteria:

1. The application should include a detailed description of the nominee's contribution to the advancement and promotion of the member society. This will be critical and have great influence in the selection process. Be thorough and assume the review panel is unfamiliar with the nominee's unique work. Provide concrete examples.
2. Length of service to the organization will be a deciding factor.
3. Qualities valued for this award include leadership capabilities and leadership cultivation in others; positive contributions to the overall well-being of the member society; contribution through service to the member society; and demonstrated positive results of the nominees actions.
4. Copies of supporting materials must be submitted to strengthen the application. All materials thus submitted will be returned upon request.

President's Citation

Purpose: To recognize contributions and service to CSGA or the genealogical community as a whole.

Eligibility: The organization must be a member of CSGA, and the individual must be a member of the CSGA or a CSGA society.

Number/Frequency: The CSGA President can present more than one citation each year.

Selection Criteria: This award is given at the discretion of the CSGA President.

Founder's Award

Purpose: To recognize individuals who have established an organization promoting genealogy in the state of California.

Eligibility: Any person who has been the driving force in the establishment of an organization promoting genealogy in the state of California.

Number/Frequency: The CSGA can present more than one Founder's Award each year.

Nomination/Application Process:

1. Complete and submit the application provided by CSGA. This application is found online at www.csga.com, click on the Awards item on the menu, or may be obtained from any CSGA officer or Regional Director. Be sure to complete the application and provide a contact person.
2. Nominations are accepted on an open time line.
3. Applications will be reviewed by the CSGA awards committee.

Selection Criteria:

1. The application should include a detailed description of the nominee's contribution to the establishment of the society. This will be critical and have great influence in the selection process. Be thorough and assume the review panel is unfamiliar with the nominee's unique work.
2. The nominee's demonstrated leadership role in bringing together all elements of a genealogical society must be established through the application. Copies of supporting materials may be submitted to strengthen the application. All materials thus submitted will be returned upon request.

Publications Award

Purpose: To honor authors and editors for their extraordinary and creative work on publications, printed or electronic, supporting the genealogical community in California.

Eligibility: Any person who is an editor, author or contributing author of a CSGA member society publication.

Number/Frequency: The CSGA can present more than one publications award each year. Only one entry per society per year will be considered.

Nomination/Application Process:

1. Complete and submit the application provided by CSGA. This application may be found online at www.csga.com, click on the Awards item on the menu, or may be obtained from any CSGA officer or Regional Director. Be sure to complete the application and provide a contact person.

2. Nominations are accepted on an open time line.
3. Applications will be reviewed by the CSGA awards committee.

Selection Criteria:

1. The application should include a detailed description of the nominee's contribution to the success of the society publication. This will be critical and have great influence in the selection process. Be thorough and assume the review panel is unfamiliar with the nominee's unique work.
2. One or more examples of the nominees work must accompany the application. All examples will be returned if requested.
3. The review panel will be assessing the following items, where applicable: organization, grammar, spelling, diversity of topics, use of graphics and creativity.

Director's Award

Purpose: To recognize contributions and service to CSGA or the genealogical community as a whole. This award will be given to recognize an extra-mile effort, to promote goodwill.

Eligibility: The organization must be a member of CSGA, and the individual must be a member of the CSGA or a CSGA society.

Number/Frequency: Presented by CSGA Regional Directors, may present more than one citation each year.

Selection Criteria: This award is given upon recommendation of a CSGA Regional Director.