



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS! 2025 PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

January 31, 2025

On **Wednesday, May 21, 2025**, the New York State Academy for Public Administration (SAPA) will be hosting its twelfth annual Public Service Excellence Awards Program. This year's program will be held at the [UAlbany Emerging Technology and Entrepreneurship Complex \(ETEC\)](#) located at the W. Averell Harriman State Office Building Campus, Albany, NY.

We **invite you to nominate an individual and/or team** in your state agency, local government, and/or not for profit organization for this prestigious Public Service Award.

The Public Service Excellence Award is a notable way to recognize an outstanding individual or team of individuals in your agency, local government, or not-for-profit who exemplify the best of public service in New York State. Each year the stature of this award program expands, and we have a remarkable alumni of previous award recipients. A full list of past awardees can be found on our website <https://stateacademy.org>.

Using the **attached nomination form**, please provide detailed information about the specific, exemplary accomplishments of the individual or team you are nominating. Descriptions of the nominees' overall enhancement of public services should address, as applicable, how they served as a model for public service; made significant improvements to their organization and/or its services; changed the ways the organization or one of its programs operates to either achieve its goals or deliver better service; and/or achieved substantial financial savings for a state, local government, or not-for-profit agency. It should be noted that elected officials are not eligible for nomination but can submit individual or team nominations for state, local government, or not for profit agencies.

Nominations and supporting statements are due by **Monday, March 3, 2025**. All nominations should be submitted directly to [sapaawards@gmail.com](mailto:sapaawards@gmail.com). SAPA will acknowledge nominations upon receipt. If the evaluation committee requires clarification, it will schedule follow-up interviews with the nominator or their representative. **SAPA will announce Award recipients on Monday, April 14, 2025, and honor awardees on Wednesday, May 21st at the in-person**

**ceremony.** The Awards celebration will begin with a reception at 5:00 p.m. The formal program will begin at 5:30 pm. Further information will be available shortly on the SAPA website <https://stateacademy.org/>.

Since 1985, as part of [Public Service Recognition Week](#), public service organizations across the country have hosted award ceremonies to honor those who serve our nation as federal, state, and local government employees. Those who have participated in the SAPA Awards Program have time and again mentioned that the SAPA Awards Program was an inspirational event to recognize those whose exceptional public service stands out among peers.

The past several years have provided numerous challenges; however, it has also produced numerous extraordinary accomplishments for those engaged in public service. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and submit a nomination. I look forward to your participation!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. Cunningham", is displayed on a light gray rectangular background.

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