

For: FSA and RMA Employees

2015 Service to America Medals

Approved by: Acting Associate Administrator for Operations and Management



1 Overview

A Background

The Partnership for Public Service has invited USDA to submit nominations for the 2015 Service to America medals.

The Service to America Medals Program:

- honors Federal employees who have demonstrated a strong commitment to public service within their Government field through accomplishments that are innovative, of significant impact, and/or meet a critical need for the nation
- is managed by the Partnership for Public Service and nominations **must** be submitted directly to the Partnership for Public Service after approved by the Under Secretary for FFAS.

B Purpose

This notice:

- informs employees of the Service to America Medals Program
- requests award nominations.

Note: The nomination **deadline is January 16, 2015.**

Disposal Date	Distribution
February 1, 2015	All FSA and RMA employees; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Nomination Process

A Medal Categories

The medal categories include the following.

- **Federal Employee of the Year** that recognizes a Federal employee whose professional contributions exemplify the highest attributes of public service. This medal is accompanied by a \$10,000 monetary award.
- **Call to Service** that recognizes a Federal employee born **after** December 31, 1974, whose professional achievements reflect the important contributions that a new generation brings to public service. This medal is accompanied by a \$5,000 monetary award.
- **Career Achievement** that recognizes a Federal employee with at least 20 years of career Federal civil service (hired before January 1, 1990), who has accomplished achievements throughout a lifetime of public service. This medal is accompanied by a \$10,000 monetary award.
- **Management Excellence** that recognizes a Federal employee for demonstrating superior leadership and management excellence through a significant contribution to the nation that exemplifies efficient, effective, and results-oriented Government. This medal is accompanied by a \$3,000 monetary award.
- **Medals in specific Government fields** that recognize Federal employees for significant contributions to the nation within a particular Government field, for example, Citizen Services, Homeland Security, Justice and Law Enforcement, National Security and International Affairs, and Science and Environment. These medals are accompanied by a \$3,000 monetary award.

Additional information about the Service to America Medals Program criteria can be found at <http://servicetoamericamedals.org/SAM>.

B Nomination Process

Any person familiar with the nominee may make a nomination. Self-nominations will **not** be accepted. Nominations **must** be submitted:

- online at <http://servicetoamericamedals.org/SAM>
- no later than **January 16, 2015**.

Note: E-mail an informational copy to Kedra Watts, HRD, at kedra.watts@wdc.usda.gov.

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C Recognition

The awardees of the 2015 Service to America medals will be chosen by a selection committee of prominent national leaders representing Government, business, media, entertainment, and the nonprofit and/or foundation community. The awardees will be honored at a gala awards ceremony in Washington, DC. Awardees will also:

- receive a monetary award from \$3,000 to \$10,000
- be profiled in leading national newspapers and magazines including The Washington Post, Houston Chronicle, Tampa Tribune, The Denver Post, and San Jose Mercury News, among others.

D Additional Information

If questions or additional information is needed, contact the Service to America online at <http://servicetoamericamedals.org/SAM>.