

## **Spirit of Advocacy**

#### 2021 Entry Form

# Honoring a Florida Realtors<sup>®</sup> member who has exhibited excellence in advocacy at the local board/association, state association, national association and community within the governmental/political arena over their *lifetime*. (This is <u>NOT</u> based on monetary donations.)

All applications must be received at Florida Realtors<sup>®</sup> by **Tuesday**, **July 6**, **2021**. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Wittenhagen at (407) 438-1400, ext. 2343 or ginaw@floridarealtors.org

Full Name of Nominee:

Nominee's Board/Association Affiliation:

Nominee's Company & Title:

Nominee's Complete Address:

Please check the number of years the applicant has been a Realtor.

1-5 Years 6-10 Years 11-15 Years 16-20 Years Over 20 Years

Nominee should have a history of investing in the Realtor<sup>®</sup> Political Action Committee (RPAC). Please check the number of years the applicant has invested.

 1-5 Years
 6-10 Years
 11-15 Years
 16-20 Years
 Over 20 Years

Local Board/Association President or Association Executive's Signature

**Complete and return to:** Florida Realtors<sup>®</sup> Attn: Gina Wittenhagen 7025 Augusta National Drive Orlando, FL 32822-5017

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#### Nominee Considerations

- Attends local, state and national PAC and government affairs meetings
- Knows the elected officials who represent them at all levels of government
- Attends local, state and national candidate events, meet and greets, check presentations, etc.
- Responds to all Florida Realtors, NAR, and Florida Realtors PAC calls for action
- Registered voter
- Attends Great American Realtor® Days in Tallahassee
- Leads by example has a history of monetarily investing in Florida Realtors<sup>®</sup> PAC.
- Increases RPAC fundraising efforts through educating the membership on issues and candidates and how they affect your profession, and how and why individual Realtor<sup>®</sup> contributions of time and dollars make the Realtor<sup>®</sup> profession significantly stronger.
- Increases Florida Realtors<sup>®</sup> effectiveness in monitoring and influencing the outcome of local, state and federal issues which impact Realtors<sup>®</sup>, the real estate industry and the preservation of private property rights.
- Speaks at local and state board meetings and PAC events to educate and promote Florida Realtors<sup>®</sup> PAC participation
- Educates targeted groups, such as brokers, affiliates, commercial practitioners, top producers, and YPN about PAC initiatives
- Knows the issues and can articulate the Florida Realtors<sup>®</sup> PAC message
- Increases Florida Realtors<sup>®</sup> effectiveness through their work within the local, county, district and state political parties.
- Increases Florida Realtors<sup>®</sup> effectiveness in the recruitment, selection and election of candidates for public office who share a basic philosophy supportive of the Realtor<sup>®</sup> viewpoint on issues affecting Realtors<sup>®</sup>, the real estate industry and the rights of all private property owners.
- Shares legislative and political successes with Florida Realtors®

### Award Policies

- The Spirit of Advocacy Award will be awarded annually at the Florida Realtors Convention & Trade Show. Winners will also be recognized in Florida Realtors<sup>®</sup> media.
- Nominations are approved, signed and submitted by local associations.

Suggested Recipients: Those serving their profession and their association through political involvement:

- Members of Florida Realtors<sup>®</sup> Realtor Advocacy committees.
- Members who serve the community as appointed or elected officials within their local community.
- Members serving the local association by monitoring local governmental units.
- Members serving as Federal Political Coordinators (FPC) to members of Congress.
- Members who have worked closely with their political party of choice, candidate campaigns or local/state ballot issue campaigns.
- Current Florida Realtors PAC Trustees, Florida Realtors Officers, GADs, AEs, Affiliate members and staff of Florida Realtors<sup>®</sup> and affiliated local associations are <u>NOT</u> eligible.

1. What contributions has this Realtor<sup>®</sup> made to the **local board/association**?

2. What contributions has this Realtor<sup>®</sup> made to the **state association**?

3. What contributions has this Realtor<sup>®</sup> made to the **national association**?

#### 4. What contributions has this Realtor<sup>®</sup> made in their **community**?

Political involvement: (Nominee should have a minimum of five years of political involvement. Please list years and activities in the space provided below. It could be anything from holding political office, working on a campaign, helping to promote or fight a cause (private property rights, rent control, land use, sales tax on services), monitoring city and township activities or sitting on a city or township committee.)