

Minnesota Sheriffs' Association Awards

MEDAL OF HONOR

The Medal of Honor is the highest and most rarely awarded decoration conferred by the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association. The deed for which the Medal of Honor is awarded must have been one of personal bravery or self sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the individual for gallantry above his/her comrades and must have involved loss of life. Incontestable proof of performance of the service will be examined and each recommendation for the award of this decoration will be considered on the standard of extraordinary merit.

MEDAL OF VALOR

The Medal of Valor is awarded to a person who has distinguished himself/herself by an act of personal bravery or self-sacrifice. The act must have involved risk of life. Incontestable proof of performance of the service will be examined and each recommendation for the award of this decoration will be considered on the standard of extraordinary merit.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

The Meritorious Service Medal is awarded to any person that performs an act which is well above the expected performance of duty. The act should be an exceptional accomplishment which is usually distinguished by a succession of outstanding acts of achievement over a sustained period of time.

MEDAL OF COMMENDATION

The Medal of Commendation is awarded to civilian personnel of a Sheriff's Office, members of sheriffs' reserves and posses, and private citizens, who through acts of personal bravery intelligently performed in assisting a member of a Sheriff's Office in peril of life or safety.

DEPUTY SHERIFF OF THE YEAR

The Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award is presented to the Minnesota Deputy Sheriff who has been nominated by his/her Sheriff for actions and/or performance over a sustained period of time that is significantly above the average expected performance and contributes to the betterment of the Office and community.

SHERIFF'S VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

This Sheriff's Volunteer of the Year award is presented to the civilian who volunteers his or her time in support of the Office of Sheriff and community performing in such a manner that is far and above the average over a sustained period of time.

SHERIFF'S SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

The Sheriff's Supervisor of the Year award is presented to a sworn Sheriff's supervisor who has performed at a high level and has contributed significantly to the betterment of the Office or community.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE SUPPORT PERSON OF THE YEAR

The Sheriff's Office Support Person of the Year award is presented to any Sheriff's civilian staff member who performs at a significantly higher level over a long period of time. This staff member has made the Office a better place to work and/or made changes in the management of the work product making the Sheriff's Office a better organization.

SERVICE AWARD

The Service Award is presented to retiring Sheriffs and Sheriffs leaving office. The award can also be presented to a Chief Deputy or other Sheriff's Office personnel who have provided a service above and beyond their normal duties to the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association.

LIFE SAVING AWARD

The Life Saving Award is awarded to any employee, volunteer or other person acting under the direction and control of any Sheriff's Office who is a member of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association. This award can also be given to any civilian person who has performed an act which may be deemed to have saved the life of any person and such act has been reviewed and nominated by a Sheriff of the County in which this event occurred.

YOUTH SERVICE MEDAL

The Youth Service Medal is awarded to persons under the age of 18 for acts of outstanding personal bravery performed in saving or attempting to save a life of a member of a sheriff's office.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The Presidents Award is awarded by the outgoing MSA President to the person who has given unselfishly of themselves, their time, effort, and experience, serving on many committees and projects. This person has done an exceptional job in promoting the "Office of Sheriff" and truly stands out from the rest willing to give something extra.

NOMINATION INFORMATION

All nominations are to be submitted to the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association (MSA) Administrative Offices.

MSA awards will be presented at the Annual MSA Winter Conference.

Award nominations should be at the MSA Office by November 1, 2021 to be considered for the Winter Conference.

All award nominations will be reviewed by the Executive Director for proper format and submission information. If additional information is required, the nominations will be returned to the nominating Sheriff for the needed corrections and/or information.

Once the award nominations meet the necessary format, the award nominations are then submitted to the MSA Scholarship and Awards Committee for review the week of **November 8-12th**. The committee will meet and then make recommendations to the MSA Executive Committee for approval by November 15th. The MSA executive committee will then notify the Executive Director of the recipients of all awards.

All Sheriffs making nominations will be informed by the Executive Director as to the result of their nomination by November 17th.

Recipients of awards will be invited by the nominating Sheriff to attend the conference to receive their awards. The nominating Sheriff's Office will notify the MSA Office in writing by **November 29th** as to who will attend the award ceremony.

The Association will pay for the banquet meal for the recipient and one guest. Additional meal tickets can be purchased through the MSA Office. Any other expenses will be paid by the nominating Sheriff or the recipient.

Nomination Application

NOMINATING SHERIFF INFORMATION

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone _____ County _____

AWARD BEING NOMINATED FOR:

- () MEDAL OF HONOR
- () MEDAL OF VALOR
- () MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL
- () MEDAL OF COMMENDATION
- () DEPUTY SHERIFF OF THE YEAR
- () SHERIFF'S SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR
- () SHERIFF'S VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
- () OFFICE SUPPORT PERSON OF THE YEAR
- () LIFE SAVING AWARD
- () YOUTH SERVICE MEDAL

PERSON BEING NOMINATED TO RECEIVE AWARD

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Date of Incident _____ Location of Incident _____

