

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE
WALP AWARD OF EXCELLENCE COMPETITION

1. Any individual member as defined in WALP Bylaws, ARTICLE III, Section 3(a), in good standing with five years membership in WALP, with the exception of past recipients, is eligible for this award.
2. Each WALP voting member may sponsor only one candidate for the award each year.
3. All entries shall be submitted on the official Application Form to the WALP chairman. If more space is needed to complete any section, the back of the designated page should be used.
4. Applications will be *disqualified* if:
 - a. the entry is postmarked after *March 1*;
 - b. the 100-word limits are not observed in Sections D and E; or
 - c. any reference is made to the identity of the candidate (other than on the cover sheet) by name, chapter, year of office or chairmanship held, geographic area, etc.

The chairman shall notify the sponsoring member(s) in writing if an entry has been disqualified, giving the reason(s) for the disqualification.

5. No testimonial letters or other supporting documents will be considered by the judges, except for the comments from the employer and member sponsor as requested on the application form.
6. All candidates will be judged on the following basis:

Education, skills and experience;
Service to local, state and national associations; and
Charitable and civic activities.
7. Selection of the winner will be made by the judges previously approved by the WALP Executive Committee.
8. Three legal professionals, outside of the association, as defined in the NALS bylaws will be selected by the chairman as judges.
9. The identity of the winner shall be kept confidential by the chairman until announcement is made at the Annual Meeting banquet.