

Distinguished Service Award Candidate Qualifications & Submission Form

To encourage and recognize distinguished and extraordinary service by individual professional members of TCRA for the benefit of the reporting profession. The Distinguished Service Award shall be the highest honor bestowed upon a member of TCRA and shall be bestowed upon only one (1) recipient each year it is awarded. The DSA shall not necessarily be bestowed annually.

QUALIFICATIONS/ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES:

- 1) A candidate shall be living, shall be a professional voting member of TCRA in good standing and shall be a current Texas CSR in good standing. A candidate must be nominated by a professional voting member of TCRA in good standing.
- 2) A candidate shall have been a Texas CSR in good standing for ten (10) years or more, must be a professional voting TCRA member, must have been active in the court reporting profession in Texas for at least ten (10) years and shall have attained distinction as measured by performance. Such performance must include contributions in five (5) or more of the following areas:
 - a) An ongoing and current interest in TCRA, including active participation in TCRA affairs for ten (10) or more years as evidenced by attendance at a majority (50 percent or more) of the TCRA Annual Conventions held in the last ten (10) years. *This qualification is mandatory.*
 - b) Regular attendance at TCRA Board Meetings and other official TCRA functions.
 - c) Significant and distinguished service to the court reporting profession as an active participant on boards, divisions or committees of NCRA, TCRA or local associations of court reporters in Texas. Service on TCRA committees and/or task forces for a minimum of three (3) years is mandatory.
 - d) Publication of important papers, articles, books or other written material dealing with court reporting or related subjects.
 - e) Creative contributions to the welfare of the profession of court reporting.
 - f) Contributions to the profession of court reporting in such areas as teaching, preparation and/or editing of publications or other contributions as have served to advance the progress of the profession of court reporting.
 - g) Attainment of NCRA's RMR or RDR, TCRA's TMR, or TCRA or NCRA Speed Contest Certificate.
 - h) Service in the field of public affairs or public relations relating to court reporting or the legal profession.
 - i) TCRA Board members shall not be eligible for consideration by the DSA Committee while in office.

Deadline for nominations will be ninety (90) days prior to Annual Convention.