

Illinois AFL-CIO Annual ROBERT G. GIBSON COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARD

The Illinois AFL-CIO Community Services Award has been established to encourage, enhance, and recognize the good work that is performed by our rank and file union members in their communities at the grass roots level. The recipient of the award should show outstanding leadership in his or her community. This participation need not be limited to union community services activities. It can be with a church, civic or other appropriate organization.

THE PROCESS & TIMELINE

This annual award was first presented in 1991. Every year a nomination application will be forwarded to every Illinois AFL-CIO Central Labor Council, Illinois AFL-CIO Community Service Liaison, and Illinois AFL-CIO affiliate requesting nominations and outlining the process and timeline. All nominations must be submitted to the respective AFL-CIO Central Labor Council by **June 9, 2017**. Where applicable, the local AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison will be available to assist the Central Councils in the selection process. However, you do not need a full time AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison to make a nomination. **The Central Labor Council with which the nominee's local is affiliated must return the nomination form to the Illinois AFL-CIO Springfield office by June 23, 2017.** The final selection will be made by **June 30, 2017**. The Illinois AFL-CIO will notify the appropriate Central Labor Council as soon as possible after **June 30, 2017** that their nominee was selected.

AWARD PRESENTATION

To encourage participation in the award presentation the recipient of the award and his or her International and Local Union and Central Labor Council will be notified who the recipient is. All will be asked to take an active role in the presentation of the award by reading the nomination letter and stating the reasons why the person is winning the award. The International and local union will be encouraged to send as many people as possible to honor our award recipient. The recipient will receive an engraved award.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AWARD

Thousands of union members serve their communities every year. It is estimated that one out of every four top unit leaders in the Boy Scouts of America is a union member. Even more are involved in youth sports such as football and baseball. Hundreds serve on community boards like Big Brother/Big Sister and the United Way. Scores are involved in blood drives and disaster assistance teams with the American Red Cross. These union members are without a doubt the best public relation teams we have because they are first and foremost members of their communities. In recognition of their contributions to Illinois's future, the Illinois AFL-CIO executive board established the Robert G. Gibson Community Services Award. It recognizes union members, men and women, who have made significant contributions to their communities by volunteering in community service activities. The award is named for the Illinois AFL-CIO's first Director of Community Services, who went on to become the President of this great organization and who continued to give strong support to community services over his thirty-two years with the organization.

THE APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS
FOR THE
ROBERT G. GIBSON
COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARD

One Robert G. Gibson award will be presented annually by the Illinois AFL-CIO.

INSTRUCTIONS

The Robert G. Gibson Award is a statewide recognition approved by the Illinois AFL-CIO Executive Board. It may be presented to any member of an Illinois AFL-CIO affiliated union-who has made a significant contribution to the community through their local, central labor council, or other community organization.

Each AFL-CIO central labor council is permitted to nominate one person annually. The exception to this rule will be the Chicago Federation of Labor, because of their vast membership they will be allowed to nominate three candidates annually. The emphasis of this award is on the importance of being selective. There is no rule that says the central body has to nominate someone every year.

The purpose of the award is to recognize the recipient's outstanding service to his or her community.

GUIDE FOR SELECTION COMMITTEE

The following are some award qualifications. An individual who possesses a combination of these would meet the requirements for this recognition. These are offered as a guide only. However, they are indicative of what the Selection Committee should be seeking. This is not inclusive as there are many other areas that could be considered. The candidate:

- A. has served in bringing community services to a community.
- B. has assisted labor organizations in forming community service committees.
- C. has been an outstanding volunteer for community based organizations.
- D. is active in promoting the trade union movement in connection with these activities.
- E. is fully trained in the skills of a Union Counselor and shows compassion, responsibility, and a willingness to share his or her time and efforts with others.
- F. has shown leadership in the local union and the community.
- G. has led in offering services to all regardless of race, creed or income level, and has been instrumental in organizing services, especially in the inner city or low-income community.

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NOMINATION FORM

Please print all information (Front & Back)

<i>CANDIDATE INFORMATION</i>	
NAME _____	OCCUPATION _____
ADDRESS _____	CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
INTERNATIONAL UNION _____	LOCAL UNION # _____
POSITION HELD IN UNION _____	
HOME PHONE _____	WORK PHONE _____

RECORD OF CANDIDATE:

(Give pertinent facts: dates, offices held, etc. If more space is needed, please use extra sheets.)

NOTE: Work accomplishments and dedication, rather than a specific number of years in the labor movement, should be the criteria for this award.

A. In Local Union

B. In AFL-CIO State or Local Central Labor Council

C. In other community organizations (activities in civic, religious, fraternal, and other fields)

The recipient of this award should show outstanding leadership in his or her community. This participation need not be limited to Union Community Services Activities. It can be with church, civic, or other appropriate organizations. Please take this opportunity to tell us why your nominee should receive the Robert G. Gibson Community Services Award.

Nomination Statement:

Recommended by _____ Date _____

Address _____

LOCAL UNION RECOMMENDATION:

On _____, the candidate was considered worthy of receiving the Robert G. Gibson Award and is hereby recommended.

Signed _____
Principal Officer of Local Union Title

Local union mailing address

City State zip

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

AFL-CIO CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL APPROVAL:

The Community Services Committee of _____
(Name of Labor Council)

certifies that the record of service of the above-named candidate has been reviewed carefully and that this candidate meets the requirements for the Robert G. Gibson Award.

Date _____ Signed _____
Principal Officer of Labor Council

Date _____ Signed _____
Community Services Chair