



Council for Affordable and Rural Housing (CARH)

Serving the Affordable Housing Needs of Rural America

2015 State Affiliated Association of the Year Award Selection Criteria

CARH's **State Affiliated Association of the Year Award** is designed to recognize and encourage excellence in the programs, services and management of the national association's eighteen state affiliated associations. This state affiliate award joins CARH's awards program in highlighting the high standards of the rural affordable housing industry.

ELIGIBILITY

All CARH state affiliated associations in good standing are eligible for consideration.

CRITERIA

In judging the award, the full scope of a state association's function will be taken into consideration. Areas to be considered for the **State Affiliated Association of the Year Award** include:

- ◆ Contributions and Service to the Community and to the Industry
 - ◆ Raising Public Awareness of the Rural Affordable Housing Industry by Undertaking Positive Initiatives
- ◆ Government and Legislative Affairs Involvement
- ◆ Membership Growth and Retention
- ◆ Education and Training Opportunities
- ◆ Programming
 - ◆ Meeting Planning; Networking and Social Events
- ◆ Communication
 - ◆ Within the State Membership, as well as with the National CARH Office
 - ◆ Communication Examples: Newsletters; Association Website; Membership Directory; Surveys; Publications
- ◆ Fostering Productive Working Relationships between the Industry and the Area's Regulating Agencies
- ◆ Leadership and Professional Development (of Director; Members; Board of Directors)
- ◆ Effective Management

JUDGING

Applications for CARH's **State Affiliated Association of the Year Award** will be considered by the Awards Committee, with the input of the CARH national office staff. All nominees are encouraged to present a summary of their accomplishments during the State Affiliated Associations Committee Meeting at the 2015 Midyear Meeting.

SUBMISSION

Allow CARH to recognize the outstanding work of state affiliated associations with the **State Affiliated Association of the Year Award!** Submit a synopsis of association activities, accomplishments, and any supporting materials (examples of publications, programs, letters of support, etc.) to the CARH national office. The application may focus on any or all of the above criteria. Submissions must be received by December 31, 2015.

The affiliate selected to receive this prestigious award will be honored at the Awards Luncheon at the 2016 Midyear Meeting. In addition, a plaque recognizing all recipients of the **State Affiliated Association of the Year Award** hangs in CARH's national headquarters.

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