

ENRIQUE S. CAMARENA AWARD CRITERIA

Please read carefully

Enrique “Kiki” Camarena was an 11 year veteran Agent of the DEA. He was kidnapped, brutally tortured and then murdered by the Mexican Drug Cartel in 1985. He was a loving husband and a father of three children. His death has inspired millions of Americans to lead a drug-free life and the Elks celebrate his commitment to this effort with an annual award.

October is traditionally Red Ribbon Month, a time when people wear the Red Ribbon to commemorate Agent Camarena’s sacrifice. The millions who wear these ribbons visibly take a stand to say: “We are opposed to illicit drugs; take a stand against legalization efforts; and commemorate all of those individuals who have been tragically affected by the results of use and abuse.”

Each year, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, through their Drug Awareness Program, presents the Enrique S. Camarena Award to a member of law enforcement who best exemplifies the qualities and principles for which Agent Camarena gave his life. Nominees should be involved in their communities in an effort to make them drug-free. Nominees must also have the support of their Agency and the respect of their community.

Nominations for this award start at the local Lodge level. The completed applications are then forwarded to the State Chairman. State Chairs then select the best nominee from their State and forward that nomination on to the Directors. The National Winner will be selected in January and the Award will be presented at an appropriate setting during that year.

Each State Winner will be presented with an Award from the Elks Drug Awareness Program and the Lodge that submits the National Winner will also receive an award to be present to their community.

Basic Criteria

- This award should be presented to an individual and not an organization. Consideration will be given to a “Team” within the organization, but ideally this Award should go to an individual.
- All nominations must be accompanied by the Official Elks Nomination Form.
- The nominee should be living, however consideration will be given to presenting the Award posthumously.
- The nominee should be involved in law enforcement.
- The nominee should be a positive role model, committed to a healthy lifestyle.

- The nominee should have made (or is making) an outstanding contribution in the field of drug awareness/prevention.
- Ideally, the nominee has been identified as someone who has gone “above & beyond” their normal duties – someone who has made a difference.
- The nominee must have the support of their supervisors.
- If selected, the nominee must be willing to attend an awards ceremony.
- Nominations must be in narrative form and include endorsements and recommendations from appropriate sources (Departments, Governments, Citizens, schools etc.).
- Nominations should include information regarding how this individual has helped youth and families.
- The nominee should possess leadership and organizational skills.
- Nomination packets should contain a list of the individual’s previous awards and accomplishments.
- Lastly, the nominee should exemplify the standards by which Enrique Camarena (Kiki) lived; worked; and died – “That one person can make a difference”.

Once the lodge’s application is completed, the entire packet should be forwarded to the State DAP Chair. The deadlines are extremely important. The deadline for getting the packet to the State Chair is Nov. 31. State Chairs will then select one nomination entry to forward on to the Directors

August 31, 2020 - All Lodges should be notified about the Camarena Award and the deadlines/criteria involved.

December 1, 2020 – All nominating packets should be in the State Chair’s possession for judging. State Chairs are encouraged to inform Lodges that the earlier they are received, the better the chances are of meeting deadline. **Remember**, only one nominating packet can be submitted per State. Those State Chairs with multiple jurisdictions may submit a nomination from each State.

December 31, 2020 - All nomination packets must be forwarded to Bill Bryan by this date.

January 13-15 2021 – Directors will meet in Chicago or by teleconferencing to select the National Winner.

The State Chair of the National Winner will be notified after the selection has been made and only after the State Sponsor has been notified regarding the National Winner.

March 2021 - Individual State Awards will be sent to State Chairs. State Chairs may then select how and where the awards are to be presented.

The National Winner’s nominating State Chair will be notified and plans will begin immediately for how the presentation will be made. This is usually done at a State Convention. The National Winner will be presented with an appropriate award and the Lodge submitting the nomination will be presented with a

ENRIQUE CAMARENA AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Nominee's Email: _____

Nominee's Employer: _____

Employers Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Employers Website Address: _____

Person and/or Agency Submitting Nomination:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

- 1) On a separate sheet(s) of paper: Write a 1 – 2 page article on the Nominee's accomplishments in Drug Education and Prevention in their community.
- 2) Nominations may be mailed, faxed, or emailed as shown above.



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STATE NOMINATION FORM

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATION PACKET IS DECEMBER 31ST 2020

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

SUBMITTED BY LODGE (Name & Number): _____

Certification

I, the undersigned, certify that the above name nominee meets or exceeds the standards for the Elk's Enrique S. Camarena Award and that the nominee was selected as the candidate from the State of _____.

Signature: _____

State Chair

All forms (including supporting documentation) should be included with this cover form and mailed to:

William J. Bryan

366 Vermont Route 313W

Arlington, Vermont 05250