

**NOMINATION FORM**  
**2012 APA ANNUAL SPECIAL PEOPLE AWARDS**

Each year APA recognizes a number of special people at its convention. All have made special contributions to either the entire newspaper industry, the Arkansas Press Association or both. See the list of past honorees on the next page. The process starts with nominations from any source, primarily members. Then the APA Board of Directors will make final selections at its Spring Retreat in April. We seek your help in identifying these special people. Please read the descriptions of the awards below and FAX or mail us your nominations by Friday, April 13.

**1. GOLDEN 50 SERVICE AWARD:**

Since 1980, APA has honored people who have worked for the newspaper industry in any capacity for 50 years or more. Service may include both full-time and part-time, including country correspondents, carriers, etc. It includes high school, college and military newspapers. The total must be 50, so please check with prospects to confirm their 50 years. We ask the person making the nomination to gather the information needed for the convention program and awards presentation.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Total years worked for newspapers \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper most identified with \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_

**2. ARKANSAS HEADLINER AWARD:**

A person who has brought good headlines to the state of Arkansas during 2011 and/or over the years. Could be a couple, a group or even an organization.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons:

**3. JOURNALISM EDUCATOR AWARD:**

Given to a person who has made significant contributions to journalism education in Arkansas, either at the high school or the college level. Can be for contributions during 2011 or, more likely, for a number of years or a lifetime of contributions.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons:

**4. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:**

Given to a person who has made a significant contribution to the APA and/or the newspaper industry. Originally begun to honor people outside the newspaper business, thus the early FOI recognitions. Then FOI was broken off to its own award. Award has honored both people in the newspaper business and outside since then.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons:

**5. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AWARD:**

Given to the person who has defended the Arkansas FOI Act in some way, either for a single act or for ongoing efforts.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons:

Person making nomination(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: FAX to APA at 501.374.7509 before noon Friday, March 30**

## Previous Winners of APA Awards

### GOLDEN 50 SERVICE AWARD

**1983:**  
Morgan D. Braswell, DeWitt  
Evelyn Kimball, De Queen  
Ray Kimball, De Queen  
Bill Whitehead, Sr., Fordyce  
Jamie Jones Young, Searcy

**1984:**  
John Q. Mahaffey, Texarkana  
Joe B. McGee, Conway  
Phil "Moon" Mullen, Osceola  
Ida Reidmatten, Conway  
Buford E. Robins, Conway

**1985:**  
Bill Gill, Jonesboro

**1986:**  
Lewis Epley, Fayetteville  
Louis Graves, Nashville  
Mary Ethel Martin, Atkins  
Alden Spencer, Fayetteville  
Lillian Vaughn, Rector

**1987:**  
Ralph Casey, Arkansas Democrat  
Jon Kennedy, Arkansas Democrat  
Chester Garrett, Ark. Democrat  
Arthur Lachowsky, Conway

**1988:**  
Jim Jones, Forrest City

**1989:**  
James Bechtelheimer, Camden  
Ida Maggard, Huntsville

**1990:**  
Doris Crowder, Morrilton  
Annie Dunlap, Morrilton  
Iris Huett, Morrilton  
Overa Nisler, Morrilton  
J.R. McKinley, De Queen  
Al Miller, Searcy

**1991:**  
Nannie Mae Breeden, Van Buren  
Joel Irwin, Heber Springs  
Perrin Jones III, Searcy  
Ethel Plum, Van Buren

**1992:**  
Claude Babcock, Bentonville  
J.E. Dunlap, Jr., Harrison

**1993:**  
Ann B. Carroll, Pocahontas  
Tom Gillespie, Atkins  
LeRoy Tyson, Atkins

**1994:**  
Robert R. Douglas, Fayetteville  
Sammy George, Fayetteville  
LaRue M. Griffin, Prescott  
Orville Henry, Little Rock  
William T. Taylor, Little Rock

**1995:**  
Flora Jean Elledge, Brinkley  
D. Wilson Powell, Batesville  
Richard Spain, Bentonville  
Bill Woods, Hazen  
Jim Wyckoff, Little Rock

**1996:**  
James Braswell, DeWitt  
Ted Larimer, Green Forest  
Bob Fisher, Clarksville  
Charlotte Schexnayder, Dumas  
Melvin Schexnayder, Dumas  
Dean Walls, Des Arc

**1997:**  
Cone Magie, Cabot  
Bob McCord, N. Little Rock  
J.V. Rockwell, Corning  
John Troutt, Jr., Jonesboro  
Marylea Vines, Corning

**1998:**  
Jean Bradley, Little Rock  
Sammy Dunlap, Harrison

Jay Jackson, Clinton  
Ethel Mae Moore, Des Arc  
Robert L. Newton, Warren

**1999:**  
Floyd C. Carl, Jr., Fayetteville  
Wallace Ballentine, Hot Springs

**2000:**  
Charles Allbright, Little Rock  
Jim Morriss, Springdale

**2001:**  
Cecil Atwood, Little Rock  
Jerry Donohue, Jonesboro  
Ellis Reynolds, Atkins

**2002:**  
George Fisher, Little Rock  
Hazel Freeman, Harrisburg  
Owen Lusk, Paragould  
Joe Mosby, Ark. Gazette

**2003:**  
Dodie Evans, Gravette  
Gene Herrington, Ark. Democrat  
Billie Jines, Pea Ridge

**2004:**  
Perry Dutton, Melbourne

**2005:**  
Floyd Emerson, Hot Springs  
Betty Magie, Cabot

**2006:**  
Shirley Curtis, Harrison  
T.C. Day, Pine Bluff

**2007:**  
Jim Bailey, Little Rock  
Frank Lightfoot, White Hall

**2008:**  
Christine Fisher, Clarksville  
Louie Graves, Nashville  
Robert Shaw, Little Rock  
Van Tyson, Atkins

**2011:**  
Jackie Beville, Camden  
Rosetta Lockhart, Augusta  
Roy Ockert, Jr., Jonesboro

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

1985 John Paul Capps, State Rep., Searcy  
1988 Ernest Cunningham, State Rep., Helena  
1990 Marvin Vinson, Mayor, Clarksville  
1991 Pat Murphy, Little Rock  
1992 Ray Kimball, De Queen  
1993 Charlotte Schexnayder, Dumas  
1994 Bob Douglas, Fayetteville  
1995 Bob McCord, North Little Rock  
1996 Sen. Lu Hardin, Russellville  
1997 U.S. Sen. David Pryor, Camden  
1998 Jay Jackson, Clinton  
1999 U.S. Sen. Dale Bumpers, Little Rock  
2000 Bill Rutherford, Little Rock/Austin  
2001 Jim McCall, Little Rock  
2002 Cone and Betty Magie, Cabot  
J.E. Dunlap, Jr., Harrison  
2003 Bob Wimberley, Little Rock  
2004 Jerry Russell, Little Rock  
2005 Milton Scott, Little Rock  
2006 John Tull, Little Rock  
2007 O.E. and Pat Jones, Batesville  
2008 Roy Reed, Hogeeye  
2009 Frank Robins III  
2010 Dr. Joel Gambill, Jonesboro  
2011 Paul Greenberg, Little Rock

### ARKANSAS HEADLINER AWARD

1983 Hillary Clinton, Arkansas First Lady  
1984 Ken Hatfield, University of Arkansas  
1985 Sam Walton, Chairman, Wal-Mart  
1986 Arkansas Sesquicentennial Volunteers

1987 Bill Clinton, Governor of Arkansas  
1988 William Dillard, Chairman, Dillards  
1989 David Pryor, U.S. Senator  
1990 Nolan Richardson, University of Arkansas  
1991 Bill Clinton, Governor of Arkansas  
1992 Bill & Hillary Clinton, President-elect  
1993 Jerry Jones, Dallas Cowboys, Dallas  
1994 Jack Stephens, Stephens, Inc., Little Rock  
1995 Bernice Young Jones, Springdale  
1996 Mike Huckabee, Little Rock  
1997 Rodney Slater, Washington, D.C.  
1998 Houston Nutt, University of Arkansas  
1999 Jennings Osborne, Little Rock  
2000 Joe Ford, Alltel  
2001 General Wesley Clark, U.S. Army, retired  
2002 Frank Broyles, University of Arkansas  
2003 John McDonnell, University of Arkansas  
2004 Skip Rutherford, Little Rock  
2005 Heifer International, Little Rock  
2006 Murphy Oil Corp., El Dorado  
2007 Gov. Mike Beebe, Little Rock  
2008 Lt. Gov. Bill Halter

### JOURNALISM EDUCATOR AWARD

1984 Randy Lindsey, Mena High School  
1986 Dean Duncan, U. of Central Arkansas  
1990 Ernie Deane, U. of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
1991 Bob Douglas, U. of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
1992 Bill Downs, Ouachita Baptist University  
1993 Fred Lollar, John Brown University  
1994 Dixie Martin, Sylvan Hills High School  
1995 Roy Ockert, Jr., Batesville  
1996 Joel Gambill, Arkansas State University  
1997 John Schirmer, Nashville  
1998 Roy Reed, University of Arkansas  
1999 Gene McCoy, UALR  
2000 Sonny Sanders, UALR  
2001 Margaret Sorrows, Bryant  
2002 Ernie Dumas, U. of Central Arkansas  
2003 Beth Shull, ASPA, Little Rock  
2004 Van Tyson, Arkansas Tech University  
2005 Jeanne Rollberg, UALR  
2006 Judy Jones, Nashville High School  
2007 Bonnie Thrasher, Arkansas State University  
2008 Bruce Plopper, UALR  
2009 Tommy Mumert, Arkansas Tech University  
2010 Stacey Kendrick

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AWARD

1991 Ben Allen, Little Rock  
1992 Lu Hardin, Russellville  
1993 Winston Bryant, Little Rock  
1994 Perrin Jones, Searcy  
1995 Brenda Blagg, Springdale  
1996 Bob McCord, North Little Rock  
1997 Carol Griffiee, Little Rock  
1998 Bill Rutherford, Austin  
1999 Dennis Schick, APA, Little Rock  
2000 FOI Arkansas project  
2001 John Troutt, Jr., Jonesboro  
2002 Bob Fisher, Attorney General's Office  
2003 Beth Walker and Elana Wills, AG Office  
2004 Milton Scott, APA Lobbyist, Little Rock  
2005 Brenda Blagg, Springdale  
2006 Rick Peltz, UA Bowen School of Law  
2007 Dennis Byrd, Stephens Media  
2008 Michele Page, Helena  
2009 David Bailey, Little Rock  
2010 Rep. Dan Greenberg, Little Rock  
2011 Bryan Hendricks