

2023 TNOYS Annual Member Awards

Each year at our Annual Conference, TNOYS presents annual member awards to youth service professionals and volunteers. [Nominations](#) for the 2023 TNOYS Member Awards close on April 14th. Award winners will be notified the week of April 24th, and winners will be recognized at the 40 Years of Brilliance Gala on Wednesday, June 14th (attendees of the gala must be registered attendees of the gala - free for members who are conference attendees).

Professional Youth Worker

- Recognizes outstanding performance of a TNOYS member agency staff who goes above and beyond in the performance of their duties and in their communities.
- Employed by a TNOYS member agency, including direct services staff and program staff, including social workers, program directors, shelter managers, house managers, caseworkers, therapists, etc.

June Bucy Award for Excellence

- Recognizes program excellence, leadership, and significant contributions to the field of youth services in the state or across the nation
- This award honors June Bucy, former Executive Director of the National Network for Youth, and one of the guiding forces behind the youth services network.
- Recognizes TNOYS member agency executive directors and upper-level managers and supervisors.

Steve Wick Innovative Program

- Recognizes new, expanded, or innovative programs that make significant contributions to the field of youth services in the state or across the nation.
- This award is given to the program, by name, rather than to a specific person(s).
- This award is named in tribute to Steve Wick, one of the founders of TNOYS.

Volunteer of the Year

- Recognizes someone who donated substantial unpaid time to a TNOYS member organization.
- This award recognizes that many of TNOYS' member organizations are on tight budgets and could not provide the highest quality of care to youth without volunteer support.

Outstanding Youth Partner

- Recognizes a youth or young adult (ages 16-24) who has partnered with a TNOYS member organization over the past year and brought significant value to their services or training.
- This award recognizes that incorporating youth voice and youth-adult partnerships is a best practice of positive youth development and can help make youth service organizations stronger and more relevant.

YALC Positive Perspective

- The Positive Perspective award recognizes a TNOYS Young Adult Leadership Council (YALC) member who has been recognized by their cohort as congenial, engaged, collaborative, and forward-thinking in shaping fellow youth and young adult leaders. For more information on TNOYS' YALC, please visit [our website](#).