

## **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

Many who have worked or continue to work in the field of guardianship today know the names Dorcas Jackson and Betty Stanley. Dorcas, a long-time Chief Public Guardian and Betty Stanley, a long time Court Visitor were certainly pioneers in the field of guardianship in Alaska and expanding their contributions nationally as well. Both served on the Board of Directors for the National Guardianship Association. In fact, both Dorcas and Betty served on the Executive Committee and as President of NGA. They were the first to travel around the State educating the public and judicial officers about guardianship and many of the protocols we have in place today.

ASAGA recognizes that we have many hard-working family and professional guardians in our State serving over 5000 individuals who have some type of protective appointment. We want to recognize their hard work as well as increase exposure to the guardianship collective across our nation by sending a guardian from Alaska each year to the National Conference. Every October, as a part of National Guardianship Month, NGA holds their conference, typically rotating between the West and East Coast. In October 2019, the conference will be held in Lexington, Kentucky and ASAGA will send our winner to network with others and learn more about guardianship. Anyone can nominate a guardian or conservator; even the guardian or conservator themselves.

Dorcas and Betty both thought education and support was key to the success of our guardianship program in Alaska. It is their belief that helps to fuel ASAGA today. It is through their vision we hope that family and professional guardians alike will strive to improve and evolve.

ASAGA takes care of airfare, hotel, meal per diem and entrance fee to the conference as well as transportation to and from the venue.

**2019 CONFERENCE IS IN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY FROM OCTOBER 13 TO 15<sup>TH</sup>.**