

Jackson Stanley Conference Scholarship Nomination Form

Nomination Form Due to ASAGA by April 30, 2019

ASAGA seeks nominations for the *Jackson Stanley Conference Scholarship*, which the winner will be provided the registration fee, hotel pertaining to conference, airfare, ground transportation and a daily meal per diem to the National Guardianship Association Conference. The 2019 conference will be in Lexington, Kentucky, October 13th to 15th.

The purpose of the *Jackson Stanley Conference Scholarship* is to recognize an outstanding guardian or conservator living in Alaska who demonstrates exemplary commitment to the individual under a protective appointment regarding their guardianship and conservatorship duties.

ASAGA will review all nominations that include the following nominating criteria:

Nominating Criteria

1. Anyone can nominate a guardian or conservator; including the guardian or conservator themselves but if this is a self-nomination, please provide a reference.
2. The guardian or conservator should have been appointed for at least one year prior to nomination.
3. Nominees must be living in the State of Alaska and their orders need to be current and in good standing in Alaska. This will be verified through Courtview.
4. Nominee must have demonstrated commitment to the protected person based on the criteria of the NGA Standards of Practice adopted by the State of Alaska.
5. Nominees can be non-professional guardian/conservators such as family members or friends, public guardians or private, professional guardians.
6. Nominee must be willing to be interviewed before and after the NGA conference. Nominator must be willing to be interviewed by ASAGA should your nominee be selected.
7. The winner must commit to attending the conference no later than June 30, 2019.
8. This year's theme is based on NGA Standard #7 – see below

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★ NGA Standard 7 – Standards for Decision-Making

- I. Each decision made by the guardian shall be an informed decision based on the principle of Informed Consent as set forth in Standard 6.
- II. The guardian shall identify and advocate for the person's goals, needs, and preferences. Goals are what are important to the person under guardianship, whereas preferences are specific expressions of choice.
 - A. First, the guardian shall ask the person what he or she wants.
 - B. Second, if the person has difficulty expressing what he or she wants, the guardian shall do everything possible to help the person express his or her goals, needs, and preferences.
 - C. Third, only when the person, even with assistance, cannot express his or her goals and preferences, shall the guardian seek input from others familiar with the person to determine what the individual would have wanted.
 - D. Finally, only when the person's goals and preferences cannot be ascertained, may the guardian make a decision in the person's best interest.
- III. Substituted Judgment
 - A. Substituted Judgment is the principle of decision-making that substitutes the decision the person would have made when the person had capacity as the guiding force in any surrogate decision the guardian makes.
 - B. Substituted Judgment promotes the underlying values of self-determination and well-being of the person.
 - C. Substituted Judgment is not used when following the person's wishes would cause substantial harm to the person or when the guardian cannot establish the person's goals and preferences even with support.
- IV. Best Interest
 - A. Best Interest is the principle of decision-making that should be used only when the person has never had capacity, when the person's goals and preferences cannot be ascertained even with support, or when following the person's wishes would cause substantial harm to the person.
 - B. The Best Interest principle requires the guardian to consider the least intrusive, most normalizing, and least restrictive course of action possible to provide for the needs of the person.
 - C. The Best Interest principle requires the guardian to consider past practice and evaluate reliable evidence of likely choices.

The selection will be done by committee. Members of the committee are designed so that there is not a conflict of nomination. Committee members are not aware of the name of the applicant or nomination.

Should the nominated guardian not be willing or able to attend the conference, the committee will have selected two other nominations for a total of three and second place finisher will be offered the conference followed by the third if needed. Should the list go beyond three, the chosen guardian will be pulled from the full list of nominees by random drawing.