

Call for Nomination of 2023 VSA Victim Support Awards

Background and Purposes:

The Victim Support Asia (VSA) established the Victim Support Awards in 2020 to provide direct financial assistance to victims of severe and/or violent crime and to outstanding victim service organizations/individuals in Asia. In the past two years, a total of 13 awards were given at the VSA Annual Conferences (3 awards in 2021 and 10 awards in 2022). Following the international guidelines on victim assistance, the Victim Support Awards provides financial support to serve victims' needs in the following, but not limited to, five situations: emergency assistance, medical care, food/shelter, legal assistance, and education/vocational training. The purposes of these awards is to 1) help victims of severe crime escape violent and abusive environments such as in case of domestic violence, rape and sexual assault, sex trafficking, or terrorist attack and rehabilitate/recovery from injury, financial hardship, or emotional/psychological trauma or reunification with their child(ren) or families through this financial assistantship and 2) reward those outstanding individuals or organizations that provided high quality services and assistance to victims of crime in Asia.

This year, Victim Support Awards will award 10 selected recipients (@ \$1000 each) from nomination pool inclusive of all Asian countries. Of these 10 awards, eight will be awarded to victims of crime who are nominated by an NGO or criminal justice agency or VSA Executive Board members that directly work with victims of crime and/or have firsthand knowledge about the nominees. Additional two awards will be given to two selected outstanding victim service organizations or individuals nominated by a VSA board member or by an agency/organization that directly work with victims in any Asian country. The Award Selection Committee reserves rights to adjust the number of awards between these two categories if nominations in any category is insufficient for selecting recipients for the designated number of awards.

In light of diverse, complicated and, sometimes, unforeseeable situations in reaching out to victims of violent crime in many Asian countries, we are committed to working with and helping victims through the rescue, cleanup, and recovering/healing process. We offer this financial assistance in form of monetary payment to directly assist victims of severe violent crime in DARE situation to help their recovery efforts, participation in training or education, or re-integrative efforts to resume a normal life, or receiving medical treatment for physical or psychological injury or help victims apply for third party funding, legal aids, or welfare benefits sponsored by government or private foundation. VSA also recognizes individuals and organizations that demonstrate outstanding commitment and provide high

quality of services in supporting victims in Asia. We give priority of consideration to those victim service individuals, agencies or organizations for their vision, humanitarian action, leadership in seeking justice, ensuring victims' rights and safety, and inspiring hope, empathy, resilience, and delivery of quality of services to victims in Asian countries.

Eligibility: Victims of severe or violent crime with citizenship in any Asian country/region are eligible to apply for this financial award. The priority of selection will be given to victims of severe violent crime such as domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, or terrorist attack, who are facing financial hardship, social isolation, gender discrimination or/and social disfranchising and persecution. The Award Selection Committee is especially interested in nominations from economically underdeveloped or poverty-struck regions/countries where lack of government-sponsored justice and victim services in Asia. The Committee especially welcomes nominations from those countries that have not submitted any nominations in the past.

For the Outstanding Victim Service Award, any individual or organization or agency that provides direct services to victims of crime and demonstrates outstanding leadership, commitment, and high quality of services to victims and is legally registered/incorporated in an Asian country is eligible to be nominated for this award. Foreign victim assistance agencies/organization operating in an Asian country is not eligible for this award. The members of current VSA board members and of this Selection Committee are not eligible to apply for this award.

Nomination Process: Each nomination **must** include the following "Required Documentations":

1. **The Award Announcement and Nomination Form** that can be downloaded from the following websites:

- Victim Support Asia website:
http://www.victimsupportasia.org/sub_involved/news.php?mode=view&number=142&b_name=news&page=1
- Facebook of the Victim Support Asia: <https://www.facebook.com/VictimSupportAsia/> under "Event" in index ribbon
- Facebook of World Society Victimology:
<https://www.facebook.com/worldsocietyofvictimology/>
- or email to ktvsa@naver.com with the subject heading "Nomination form."

2. **The nomination form** requires the following information:

- **Contact information** for both the nominee and nominator including name, position/title, mailing address, phone number and email address.
- A brief **biography** (one page or less) providing background information about the nominee including biographical information, as well as specific

- chronological information regarding education, work and volunteer experience, skills, major achievements, recognitions, etc.
- **An overview statement of nomination** (one page) that provides specific information about the nominee's victimization, detailing how that affects victim or her/his family, her/his work or efforts demonstrate a significant hardship due to severe victimization.
 - Nominator's relationship and knowledge about the nominee (300 words or less).
3. **Any supporting documents/evidence** (court transcripts, police report, press or new release, or letters from legal counsel or court about the nominee's victimization, her/his needs for financial assistance (one page) and how the award will be used for the victim. All supporting documents must be submitted as one PDF file.
 4. **Two supporting/reference letters** (an email letter is acceptable. Please see restrictions below).

Terms and Conditions

1. All documents must be submitted electronically either in word file or PDF file to ktvsa@naver.com with the subject heading: VSA 2023 Awards. All supporting documents must be submitted as one combined PDF file with limitation of 10 pages.
2. Nominations will be considered complete once all required documentations are received (Nomination form, 2 letters of support, supporting materials, and photo of the nominee). Incomplete nomination will not be considered.
3. Letters of support from the nominee or his/her family members will not be accepted.
4. All required documentation must be received before the nomination closing date; **no later than May 1, 2023.**
5. An attestation that the nominee is aware of the nomination and consents to you sharing their contact information with the VSA Victim Support Awards Selection Committee, who will be bound by a confidentiality agreement, must be included in the nomination form. (Note: the personal information provided will be treated in accordance with the *Privacy Act* and kept confidential.)
6. It is the nominator's responsibility to ensure that the nomination is complete. Only complete nominations will be considered by the Selection Committee.
7. Only 'REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION' as listed above will be accepted. Additional materials will not be considered by the Selection Committee.
8. Only one nomination per candidate will be accepted. If more than one nomination is submitted for the same individual, only the first complete nomination received will be considered by the Selection Committee.
9. Previously submitted nomination in which the nominee did not receive the award can be re-submitted for consideration. In such cases, it is required that the documentation submitted be updated with information that was not previously included.
10. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

11. The nominated victim of domestic violence or intimate violent crime who continues to live with the abuser in the same household will not be eligible to receive this award.
12. Previous recipients of this award will not be eligible for re-nomination within two years of receiving the award.
13. Nominators will be informed of the decision of the Selection Committee on **May 15, 2023**.
14. Recipients of the Victim Support Awards and Outstanding Victim Service Awards will be recognized at the VSA annual conference, **June 6, 2023**.

Selection Criterion

1. Nominee must be a survivor of severe or violent crime/victimization.
2. Victims from economically underdeveloped, extreme poverty countries/regions have priority for consideration.
3. Victim demonstrated resilience in rescue, survival, and recovery.
4. Nomination clearly identifies the victim's needs and hardship.
5. Nominator adequately discussed how the fund can be securely delivered to the hands of nominated victims/survivors of crime for the identified needs.
6. Nomination for victim service agency/organization/individual provides supporting evidence for its/their outstanding leadership, high quality services or well-established track records of victim assistance services/programs.

Reward Fund Transferring Policy and Procedures

The Office of VSA (contact email: ktvsa@naver.com) in Seoul, Korea is responsible for processing the award fund transfer to the recipient's personal bank account. After the Selection Committee notified the nominees for the award, VSA office will email nominator a Wire transfer Form for recipient's bank information. It is important and crucial for nominators to ensure that 1) the recipient has a personal bank account with a commercial bank that has a SWIFT code for secure and successful wire transfer services and 2) the recipient's name spelling, bank name, account number, address and telephone number provided on the Wire Transfer Form are accurate, correct and current. Due to the past difficulties and extra costs occurred in the fund wire transfer process, any extra fees or wire transfer charges occurred due to the inaccurate or wrong bank account information provided by the nominator will be deducted from the recipient's award fund. It is nominee's responsibility to ensure that all bank transfer information is accurate and correct for secure and successful wire transfer.

2023 VSA VICTIM SUPPORT AWARDS

NOMINATION FORM

Deadline: May 1, 2023

Please use this form to nominate a candidate for the 2023 VSA Victim Support Award.

Nominee's Name	
Nominee's contact information (including Country)	

Nominator's Name	
Nominator's affiliation and contact information	
Nominator's Signature/Date	

Nomination Category (please check only one)	
1. Award for Survivor of Severe Crime	
2. Award for Outstanding Services to victims of crime	

Nomination Justification:

The following statement is provided to describe key qualification, victimization /victim service experiences, or current situation/status of the nominee.

- 1) Describe how the nominee demonstrates qualification in the area of severe victimization or outstanding services to victims. Give specific examples, court cases, publicity, or other evidence:

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- 2) Describe how the nominee demonstrates qualification/excellence in the area of **Resilience** in surviving and recovery or **Commitment** to serving and assisting victims. Give specific examples:

- 3) Describe how the nominee demonstrates efforts/excellence in the area of **Inspiring** others or **Leadership**. Give specific examples:

- 4) Describe how the nominee demonstrates **Needs** in financial support or **Achievements** in the respective area of awards. Give specific examples:

- 5) List **Challenges/Difficulties** overcome by nominee or **Outstanding Accomplishments**, such as newspaper reports, community recognition, awards, letters of appreciation or support, etc.:

- 6) Please attach two supporting/reference letters with this nomination form and any supporting documents. ***All attached documents must be submitted as one combined PDF file.***

- 7) I certify that I am not a current VSA board member or 2023 VSA Awards Selection Committee member nor am I a family member relating to the nominee.

Yes

No

- 8) I have consulted with the above nominee about this nomination. She/he has acknowledged this nomination and is willing to accept the award if this nomination is selected for an award.

Yes

No

Signature _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Country: _____

Please print your name