



Merrill Baumgardner Award

The Merrill Baumgardner Award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated excellence in the field of automation in a state workforce agency. The award was named in honor of Merrill Baumgardner, Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, in recognition of his fifty-five years of state service, thirty-one of which were spent as data processing manager for the Ohio Bureau.

AWARD CRITERIA: *The individual must:*

- have made a significant contribution to the field of information technology in one or more workforce agencies;
- be a current state employee or a former state employee separated within one year of the nomination date;
- have demonstrated a series of accomplishments over multiple years; and,
- have contributed to the greater workforce development community as well as his/her individual state. (This is desirable but not mandatory.)

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS: *The nomination must:*

- **be submitted by July 7, 2006;**
- contain a completed Baumgardner

Merrill Baumgardner Award Recipients

- 2005 - Jay Pfeiffer, Information Technology Director, Florida Department of Education
- 2004 - Terry Ferguson, Virginia
- 2003 - Susan Jordan, South Carolina
- 2002 - Peggy Jo Zimmerman, Washington Employment Security Department
- John McAllister, Idaho Department of Labor
- 2001 - William Sanders, Kansas
- 2000 - Nathan Hayes, North Carolina
- 1999 - Thomas Bynum, Washington
Woody Godfrey, Utah
- 1998 - Kenneth F. Niemi, Minnesota
- 1997 - Beverly Browder, North Carolina
Mary Carroll, Ohio

Award nomination form [[PDF](#)] or [[Word](#)];

- contain answers to all questions listed on the Baumgardner Award nomination form within prescribed word limits;
- include a statement of approval from the agency administrator; and,
- be the only nomination for that state in that category.

1996 - George McDonough, New York

1995 - David White, Alabama

1994 - Merrill Baumgardner, Ohio

NOMINATION PROCEDURES:

If submitting via e-mail: E-mail to naswa@naswa.org (Subject line should read "Baumgardner Award Nomination").

Recommendation letters (not to exceed 3) may be e-mailed separately.

If submitting via hard copy, mail to:

NASWA, 444 N. Capitol St. NW, Suite 142,
Washington, DC 20001, Attn: Baumgardner
Award. Recommendation letters (not to exceed
3) should be attached to the nominations.
Include 6 copies of nomination packet.

SELECTION PROCEDURES:

The NASWA Information Technology Committee Chair will appoint a panel consisting of five members of the committee to review the nominations. The panel will present its recommendation to the full Information Technology Committee for approval.

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