NASFAA Regional Leadership Award

The NASFAA Regional Leadership Award is presented to individuals, who need not be financial aid administrators, who have made outstanding contributions to the financial aid profession at the regional and state levels over a sustained period of time, i.e., seven years or more. Leadership at the national level is not a criterion for this award, and the selection process will not be limited to current regional, and state elected leaders. Current members of NASFAA's staff and NASFAA's Board of Directors, including non-voting members, are not eligible to receive this award.

The individuals selected for this award must:

- Exhibit high integrity and character;
- Have shown creative leadership;
- Have inspired and encouraged others to participate actively in professional development activities;
- Have continued active involvement in professional organizations after holding elected office; and
- Have supported the goals and objectives of NASFAA.

Nominations for this award are submitted by the regional associations. Regional associations may nominate individuals for this award online annually.

Recipients

- 2023 Tricia Dubroc, LA
- 2022 Mendy Schmerer, OK
- 2021 Lauren Jackson, LA
- 2020 Shannon Crossland, TX
- 2019 Denise Welch, TX
- 2018 Janell Valdez, NM
- 2017 Andrew Hammontree, OK
- 2016 David Page, LA
- 2015 Lisa Hopper, AR
- 2014 Lisa Blazer, TX
- 2013 Laura Coponiti, OK
- 2012 Taina Savoit, LA
- 2011 Richard "Rick" Renshaw, CO
- 2010 Sherry Hudson, OK

- 2009 Linda Gonzalez-Hensgen, TX
- 2008 Elaine Rivera, TX
- 2007 Cheryl Lyons, AR
- 2006 Karen Krause, TX
- 2005 Earl Hudgins, TX
- 2004 Carlia Sproles, AR
- 2003 Mary Sue Rix, LA
- 2002 Michael Novak, TX
- 2001 Gracie Guillory, LA
- 2000 Henry Garcia, TX
- 1999 Charlie Bruce, OK
- 1998 Gerald Craig, AR
- 1997 Judy Schneider, TX
- 1996 Greely Myers, NM
- 1995 John Whiteside, NM
- 1994 James Comeaux, LA
- 1993 Sam Howell, AR
- 1992 Claire "Micki" Roemer, TX
- 1991 Leo Hatton, NM
- 1990 Leo Munson, TX
- 1989 Fred Chreist, NM