



**2018 State Convention  
February 9-11, 2018**

**Statewide Awards and Nominations Guidelines**

Each year at the annual convention, TDW recognizes local chapters and individuals for their outstanding work. This is our opportunity to acknowledge exceptional dedication, commitment, and activism. On February 10, 2018, TDW will present the awards listed below. Any TDW member or Chapter can submit a nomination for any of these awards and are encouraged to do so.

**Rules**

1. Send nomination form(s) and supporting materials so they are postmarked or e-mailed no later than DECEMBER 30, 2017 to:

By mail: TDW Awards Committee  
c/o Cindy B. James  
5816 Wedgworth Rd  
Fort Worth, TX 76133

By email: [cindybjames@aol.com](mailto:cindybjames@aol.com)

2. Each nomination must be accompanied by a separate and complete awards nomination form and any materials associated with the award.
3. All Chapter and member nominees must be current in their dues to TDW.

**Award Categories**

**Dr. Mae Jackson Outstanding Woman Elected Official**

This award is presented to a Democratic woman elected official whose courage, accomplishments, and leadership have promoted the increased political activity and influence of Democratic women in Texas politics and government. (Nominee need not be a TDW member.)

**Oscar Mauzy Humanitarian Award**

This award is presented to a Democrat whose career of distinguished public or civic service is in the best tradition of Oscar Mauzy. (Nominee need not be a TDW member.)

**Texas Democratic Woman of the Year**

This award is presented to a TDW member who has consistently enhanced the image and viability of Texas Democratic Women. (Nominee's dues must be current.)

## **Chapter Certificates of Achievement**

Certificates of Achievement are presented to TDW chapters that have achieved goals consistent with the mission of TDW. Certificates will be given to any chapter that submits an Awards nomination form and has achieved the following goals:

1. Paid TDW chapter dues for 2018.
2. Have ten or more members in good standing.
3. Submit minutes from at least two meetings in 2017 (submit at least two copies signed by chapter secretary or president.
4. Has sent out at least two newsletters to chapter members in 2017 (submit newsletters either published by the chapter, in conjunction with another Democratic organization, or a President's Letter. If the newsletter is published online, please provide hard copies of the newsletters.)
5. Attendance at the 2018 TDW state convention by at least one member. (Please submit members name.)
6. Submission of at least one nomination for 2018 TDW statewide awards (Dr. Mae Jackson Outstanding Democratic Woman Officeholder, Oscar Mauzy Humanitarian Award, Outstanding Texas Democratic Woman.)

**Outstanding Chapter Newsletter-**

This is awarded to the newsletter that is judged to be both informative and aesthetically pleasing.

**Criteria:**

1. Newsletter must be published at least two times a year, whether electronically or in print.
2. Minimum of two issues must be submitted.
3. Submitted issues must have been published in 2017.

Mail the awards nomination form, newsletters, and any supporting information to TDW Awards Committee c/o Cindy B. James, 5816 Wedgworth Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76133. In order to fairly judge the aesthetic qualities of your newsletter, please submit nominations by mail.

**Outstanding Chapter Scrapbook**

This is awarded to the chapter scrapbook that is judged to display a comprehensive look at that chapter's political activities for 2017 in an aesthetically pleasing way.

**Criteria:**

1. The members of the submitting chapter must have completed scrapbook.
2. Scrapbook must reflect photos and other mementos of the members engaging in and promoting political activity.
3. Recognizing that most chapters have a holiday party in December, the deadline for the scrapbooks can be extended to January 10, 2018 by notifying Cindy B. James at (817) 800-6228.

Mail the Awards nomination form, scrapbook and any supporting information to Cindy B. James, 5816 Wedgworth Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76133.