

# 2015 TENANT OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Tell your story, inspire others, and celebrate with us!



Every year, the Supportive Housing Network of New York honors 1-2 supportive housing tenants with the coveted **Tenant of the Year Award** at our Annual Awards Gala. This year the gala will take place on October 14, 2015 from 6pm-9pm at Capitale, 130 Bowery in New York City. This special event is expected to attract over 600 attendees.

The Tenant of the Year winner will receive a \$200.00 gift certificate and be recognized at the gala and on the Network's website and social media. Tenants of the Year attend the gala as our guests. Travel and lodging for out-of-town winners may be provided upon request.

**Why nominate someone or encourage a tenant to apply?** This is an amazing opportunity to tell your story and to help and inspire the supportive housing community. We are looking for **tenants who have made a difference** in their own lives and in their supportive housing residence. We want to learn how he or she utilized supportive housing to its fullest capacity to improve his or her life. **We want to share the winner's story and celebrate their success!**

We request that each non-profit agency nominate only one tenant per site/program. We ask that you please nominate a tenant who has lived in Supportive Housing for at least a year, defined as: a residence or scattered site apartment program where the tenants may stay as long as they like; their tenancy is protected by a lease or lease-like agreement; their tenancy is not contingent upon acceptance/compliance of services; services are offered on-site in the building or in the case of scattered site, directly in the tenant's home. Prior years' nominees are welcome to re-apply.

## Requirements:

- Two letters of references from the agency on behalf of the tenant from a case manager, social worker, program director or fellow resident
- A 500 words or less typed narrative that includes concrete examples of the individual's accomplishments and the role supportive housing played in these accomplishments, along with descriptions/examples of the qualities of character that distinguish the nominee
- A nomination consent form completed by the tenant (see attached)
- An electronic photograph of tenant
- Tenant availability and willingness to accept the award at the gala

Winners will be chosen by a Network staff committee by the end of August. Nominations are due by August 14<sup>th</sup> and should be sent to [emartinez@shnny.org](mailto:emartinez@shnny.org).

## I. Nominator Contact Information

Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Site \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Tenant Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years as tenant: \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet of paper, please type:

## III. Narrative

In 500 words or less, describe how the tenant you are nominating has utilized supportive housing to its fullest capacity to improve his or her life. Please include information about the nominee's history and the issues that led them to supportive housing; describe the obstacles he/she has overcome; and how supportive housing played a role in his/her success in overcoming these obstacles. Include the tenant's name and sponsoring agency on the top of each sheet.

# TENANT OF THE YEAR 2015 CONSENT FORM

All tenants nominated must give their full consent. No nomination form will be accepted without the Tenant Consent Form.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*supportive housing tenant*), accept this nomination to be the Supportive Housing Network of New York's 2015 Tenant of the Year. By accepting this nomination, I give my consent for the Supportive Housing Network of New York to contact \_\_\_\_\_ (*nominator's name*) to disclose personal information about my life experiences that have led me to succeed in supportive housing.

I give my consent for this information, including my photographic image, to be published in the Network's 2015 Annual Awards Gala program journal and in future marketing materials.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tenant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominator Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date