



2021 AML Awards of Excellence

The purpose of the Alaska Municipal League Awards of Excellence is to acknowledge individuals who have demonstrated ongoing dedication to their cities or boroughs and have gone above-and-beyond to make their communities great places to live, work and/or play during 2021. Now more than ever, we want to recognize these municipal leaders who positively impact our communities.

Award Categories

- **Municipal Official of the Year** – this award is designed to recognize an elected or appointed municipal official who has demonstrated an exceptional level of professionalism, leadership and innovation in their position.
- **Municipal Employee of the Year** – this award is designed to recognize a municipal employee who has demonstrated an exceptional level of professionalism, leadership and innovation in their position. Nominees must be a current (or recently retired) municipal employee.
- **Emerging Municipal Leader** – this award recognizes an emerging municipal leader, their early career contributions to local government and their potential for future success as a local government leader.
- **Vic Fischer Local Government Leadership** – established in 2000 by the AML Board of Directors, this award is in honor of Vic Fischer, secretary to the Committee on Local Government of the Constitutional Convention. Local government officials nominated for this award must show a significant statewide contribution and lifetime of service to improving local government and communities in Alaska.

Past recipients of the Vic Fischer Local Government Leadership Award:

2000 Senator Vic Fischer	2007 Michael Lamb	2014 Mayor Pat Branson
2001 Nancy Galstad	2008 Mayor Dave Talerico	2015 Mayor Shirley Marquardt
2002 Tim Navarre	2009 Mayor George Sullivan	2016 Tim Navarre
2003 Mayor Kathie Wasserman	2010 Pete Sprague	2017 Mayor Bert Cottle
2004 Tom Boedeker	2011 Mayor Bruce Botelho	2018 Ray Gillespie
2005 Mayor Tim Anderson	2012 Patrick Cole	2019 Charlie Davidson
2006 Larry Semmens	2014 Jerome Selby	

Award Process:

- Any elected official or municipal employee of an AML member municipality is eligible to be nominated
- Nominations will be accepted from any AML municipal, affiliate or associate member
- Submit the attached nomination form, including the required nomination letter by October 15, 2021
- AML staff will screen entries for completeness; the AML Board of Directors will judge all entries
- The awards will be presented at the Municipal Awards Ceremony at the Annual Conference on Tuesday, November 17th

Nomination Form

Nomination Category:

- Municipal Official of the Year
- Municipal Employee of the Year
- Emerging Municipal Leader
- Vic Fischer Local Government Leadership Award

Nominee's Name and Title _____

Nominee's Municipality _____

Nominator and Title _____

Nominator email address and phone number _____

Each nomination must be signed by at least two officials of the municipality/organization making the nomination

Name and Title _____

Signature _____

Name and Title _____

Signature _____

Please attach a one-page nomination letter detailing the reason for nomination using the following as a guide:

- Municipal Official or Municipal Employee of the Year: detail why the official or employee deserves to be recognized with this award. Qualifications should include the nominee's specific contributions to your community and why they are important.
- Emerging Municipal Leader: explain the early-career contributions to municipal government leadership.
- Vic Fischer Local Government Leadership Award: explain the nominee's significant contribution to improving local government and communities in Alaska.

Deadline: all entries (including the one-page nomination letter) must be received at the AML office by October 15, 2021

Nominations can be sent via mail, fax or online:

Mail: Alaska Municipal League, One Sealaska Plaza, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801

Fax: 907-463-5480

Online: www.akml.org (Under the "Events - Annual Local Government Conference" tab)

If you have any questions about the AML Awards of Excellence, contact Shawn Myers at 907-586-1325.