



## **MAWD Award Criteria**

### **Professional of the Year Award**

This award is to recognize experienced workforce development professionals who have made the highest meritorious contribution to the designing and implementing professional development initiatives that enhance the knowledge, skills and competencies of workforce development professionals. Nominees may be involved in curriculum development, professional credentialing, staff training, staff evaluation, incentives, needs assessment and/or related areas.

**Criteria:** this award will be presented to workforce development professionals who have made contributions/achieved prominence above salaried position assignments at the local, state, regional and national level.

### **Keystone Award**

This award is to recognize experienced workforce development staff not on the 'front line' working directly with participants, but are providing the highest level of meritorious service behind the scenes. Nominees may be involved in providing administrative support, financial expertise, information technology services and/or other workforce development support related areas. Many workforce staff provide these much needed services each and every day. Without their dedication, much of what is done couldn't happen in such a smooth and efficient manner.

**Criteria:** This award will be presented to a workforce development professional that has made various contributions to their employer, be it local or state, by spending a significant part of their professional career in a supportive role.

### **Eligibility:**

- Currently in a supportive role in the field of Workforce Development or have spent the significant part of their professional career in a supportive role
- Made significant contributions to their field of expertise in a supportive role with Workforce Development
- Been a member of Missouri Association for Workforce Development, in good standing, for at least the past 3 years