

New Award!

Champions of Career Enhancement for Eligible Family Members



AAFSW is now accepting nominations for the "Champions of Career Enhancement for Eligible Family Members" (CCE-EFM) Award. This award will be conferred alongside the annual Secretary of State Award for Outstanding Volunteerism Abroad (SOSA) and DACOR's Eleanor Dodson Tragen Award at the AAFSW Awards Ceremony on **November 12, 2014**.

The CCE-EFM Award has been developed by AAFSW's EFM Employment Committee to recognize and incentivize those who go above and beyond their job descriptions and routine daily activities to promote the cause of career development for Foreign Service family members serving under Chief of Mission authority abroad or during Washington-based or other domestic field office assignments of their sponsor.

Recognizing that many posts and bureaus/offices have adopted best practices and spurred innovation in addressing the demand for meaningful employment and engagement of family members in fulfilling mission objectives, both by matching them to jobs and by encouraging their good works in host countries in both paid and volunteer/pro-bono activities, AAFSW seeks to encourage and reward those who have exceeded expectations.

As many so often take on this challenge without additional resources nor direct recognition through their performance rating criteria, the CCE-EFM award seeks to draw attention to and thank those who overcome inertia, bureaucracy, and gridlock to advance the careers of professionally-oriented EFMs who have subordinated their own careers in service to the higher calling of the Foreign Service Family.

The award recipient(s) will be chosen for his/her/their individual or collective efforts to adopt best practices and innovations that demonstrate a commitment to expanding and elevating both individual job opportunities and long-term career enhancement for Foreign Service family members.

The deadline for nominations is **August 15, 2014**. For a detailed description of the award eligibility and criteria, please email office@aafsw.org.

EFM Art and Business Fair

Calling all artists and entrepreneurs!

AAFSW's fourth EFM Art and Business Fair will take place on Sunday, June 8 from 2-5 p.m. at the Oakwood Apartments in Falls Church, VA. As an AAFSW member, you can showcase your business or artwork, network with other talented and creative EFMs, and sell your products or services directly to customers. We ask only for a contribution of around \$10 to our refreshment table.

If you are not in the DC area, you can still participate -- just send us flyers or samples, and/or a friend to represent you! We look forward to your participation, and please help us spread the word to both potential exhibitors and visitors! Non-members and friends and family from outside the FS community are welcome as visitors, with free admission and free refreshments!

For more information or to sign up, contact office@aafsw.org!

**Tuesday, May, 20, 2014:
Chopin in the Morning**

Please reply no later than Friday, May 16, 2014. The event takes place on Tuesday, May 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Department of State (C Street Entrance.) The cost for this event is \$15 per person for members and guests. Send this form with payment to:

AAFSW Reservations
4001 North Ninth Street, Suite 214
Arlington, Virginia 22203

You may also reserve and pay online in the members-only section at www.aafsw.org.

Date of Program

Name (as you wish it to appear on the name tag)

Date of Birth and Passport or Driver's License Number

Telephone

Name of guest(s), D.O.B.'s and Passport or Driver's License Numbers