



ENRIQUE CAMARENA AWARD

The Elks Enrique Camarena Award has been established by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to recognize and honor law enforcement officers who have made a significant contribution in the field of drug prevention and who personify Agent Camarena's belief that one person can make a difference.

Special Agent Enrique Camarena was a slain DEA Agent, murdered by the Mexican Drug Cartel, while investigating drug trafficking into the United States. He was brutally tortured and killed in 1985. His death precipitated the start of the Red Ribbon Campaign that we celebrate each year during October in his honor. The Red Ribbon Campaign was started by the Camarena family and friends as a tribute to Agent Camarena. However, it also serves as a reminder to all of us about the dangers of substance abuse.

CRITERIA:

- Must be an individual, not a corporation or organization
- Must be a law enforcement professional
- Must be a positive role model committed to a healthy lifestyle
- Must have made an outstanding contribution in the field of drug awareness/prevention
- Must have gone beyond normal responsibilities of their position
- If selected, must attend the awards ceremony announced by the DAP Directors

GUIDELINES:

- Nominations must be submitted with the nomination form
- Nominations should be in narrative form and no more than two (2) pages in length and include the following:
 1. How the nominee's commitment has helped youth
 2. Specific achievements, such as new programs developed
 3. Specific programs, publications, community activities, etc, that the nominee has participated in that encouraged/motivated citizens to take active roles in drug education and prevention
 4. Leadership and organizational abilities of the nominee
 5. Time and effort contributed by the nominee "beyond the call of duty"
 6. Success in recruiting and motivating others
- Letters of support from the nominee's respective community and/or employer are encouraged, but not required
- Only submissions from the State Chairman will be accepted by the Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Directors

Time Frame:

- All nominations must be submitted to the State Drug Awareness Chair no later than **October 15, 2011.**