

John V. Christensen Memorial Award criteria for selection

In October 1972, the Denver Regional Council of Governments created the John V. Christensen Memorial Award to be presented to the individual most exemplifying the tradition of John V. Christensen in promoting and working for good, strong, representative local government and regionalism in solving mutual problems.

Eligible are:

- Any elected official or private individual, excluding DRCOG staff members and DRCOG Performance and Engagement Committee members.
- Residents of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Clear Creek, Douglas, Gilpin, Jefferson or Weld counties, the City and County of Broomfield and the City and County of Denver.
- Individuals making substantial contributions to the philosophy of regionalism, either during the past year or over a longer period.
- Nominees whose names have been submitted for consideration the previous two years.

The nominee(s) must have demonstrated dedication to regionalism by:

- Promotion of coordination and cooperation among citizens and local elected officials in a continuing effort to solve regional problems.
- Recognizing that jurisdictional boundaries are not barriers to the solution of such problems.
- Providing leadership to, or support for, the concept that strong local government representation is the basis for regional accomplishment.

Nomination process:

- Nominations must include a description of the achievement, accompanied by an explanation of the nominee's philosophy of regionalism. The narrative should be in sufficient detail to assist the Performance and Engagement Committee in its selection.
- If nominations are not submitted online, they must be mailed to the DRCOG Performance and Engagement Committee, at 1001 17th St., Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202 by April 30, 2025, for judging by the Committee at its May meeting.



- If the Performance and Engagement Committee determines that no nominee fully meets established criteria, no award will be made.
- Announcement of the winner and presentation of the award will be made at the DRCOG awards celebration.

For more information

If you have any questions concerning the nomination process, or the criteria for selection, please contact Melinda Stevens, Executive Assistant, at 303-480-6701 or mstevens@drcog.org.

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