



2009

Ed Sisson Leadership Award Package

Application Deadline: Friday, June 12, 2009

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It is SAHMA's intent that the award be for property management courses or industry-related workshops and seminars. One of SAHMA's main goals is to improve the quality of affordable housing in the Southeast and SAHMA recognizes that one of the most effective ways to accomplish this goal is to improve the skills and knowledge of deserving individuals interested in pursuing or advancing their property management career.

Attached you will find information about the award and an application packet. If you need additional packets, you may reproduce them or request them from SAHMA.

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:

- be over the age of 18;
- be employed by a SAHMA member in good standing, either working on-site or at a management company;
- possess a proven positive impact on affordable housing;
- have been involved with proven resident based social action programs.

The deadline for application submission is **Friday, June 12, 2009**; please note that this is a firm deadline. The award recipient will be selected by the SAHMA Award Committee and based solely on the information derived from the application. The award will be presented at the SAHMA Conference and Trade Show in Louisville, Kentucky on August 17th, 2009.

Attached you will find a copy of the 2009 Leadership Award Application. If you need additional information, please contact the SAHMA administrative office at (800)745-4088.



2009 ED SISSON LEADERSHIP AWARD Application & Checklist

Nominee's Name: _____

Property Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Number of Units: _____

Management Company: _____

Management Company Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Signature of Management Agent/Owner: _____

Management Agent/Owner Email Address: _____

Attach a letter that includes the following:

- Describe the contribution or positive impact on affordable housing that you have made for your employer.
- Describe the proven resident-based social action programs that you have been involved in.
- Describe your participation in the formation or operation of active resident councils.
- Describe any outstanding accomplishments or activities which have been particularly meaningful to you.
- Describe your goals for the next few years.
- Please tell us why you are seeking the Ed Sisson Leadership Award.
- Specify which course, workshop, seminar, etc. (including dates and locations, if available) you plan to attend within the next year using the scholarship proceeds.
- Furnish three letters of recommendation from: *(see enclosed form - make necessary copies)*
One each from the following:
 - ▶ Regulatory agency (HUD, USDA Rural Development, or State Housing Authority);
 - ▶ Industry related organizations or social agencies;
 - ▶ Management company executive.

**Completed application and letters of recommendation must be returned
no later than Friday, June 12, 2009 to:
SAHMA Ed Sisson Leadership Award Program
5570-J Tulane Drive, Atlanta, GA 30336**



CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

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TO APPLICANT: Please give this form to someone who is well acquainted with you, who is familiar with your educational plans and abilities, and who is willing to recommend you for the Ed Sisson Leadership Award. This would include your employer, clergyman, volunteer group leader, related organizations (HUD, FMHA), friend, etc.

Letters of recommendation must be submitted to SAHMA **by the person giving the recommendation directly**. Via mail to: SAHMA * 5570-J Tulane Drive * Atlanta, GA 30336 or via fax: 800-743-8278.

Please stress to the person filling out this letter of recommendation that it must be received in the SAHMA office by **Friday, June 12, 2009**.

NOTE: THIS FORM IS TWO PAGES

APPLICANTS'S NAME: _____

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: _____

TO RECOMMENDER:

Award winners are chosen on the basis of academic, vocational and/or other achievement. Because it is not possible for us to know each applicant, we give great weight to your letter of recommendation. Please give your response careful thought.

SECTION I.

Please give us your personal impressions of the following:

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent
Attitude toward life in general	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Personal commitment to goals	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Follow-through and personal tenacity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent
Dependability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Self-discipline and initiative	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Positive impact on property they manage	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Tell us why you recommend this individual?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number where you can be reached: _____