



Enrique Camarena Award Criteria *Elks Drug Awareness Program*



Enrique S. "Kiki" Camarena was an 11-year veteran agent of the DEA, who was kidnapped, brutally tortured and then murdered in Mexico in 1985. Prior to serving with the DEA, Agent Camarena was a firefighter, a criminal investigator and a narcotics officer. He was a loving husband and a father of three children. His death has inspired millions of Americans to lead a drug-free life and the Elks celebrate his commitment to this effort with an annual award.

October is traditionally Red Ribbon month, a time when people wear red ribbons to commemorate Agent Camarena's ultimate sacrifice. The millions of Americans who wear these ribbons visibly take a stand that they are opposed to illicit drug use and commemorate all of those who have been tragically affected by the results of use and abuse.

Each year, the BPO Elks present the Enrique S. Camarena Award to a member of law enforcement who best exemplifies the qualities and principles for which Agent Camarena gave his life. Nominees should be involved in their communities in efforts to make them drug-free. Nominees should have the support of their agency and respect of their community.

Nominations should be submitted to the State Drug Awareness Chairman by October 15th. **Local Elks Lodge awards and District awards should be made before October 15th to ensure they can be included in the State competition.** National selection will take place in December and the award will be presented at an appropriate setting during the next calendar year.

Basic Criteria

- ❖ This award should be presented to an individual and not an organization. Consideration will be given to a "team" within an organization, but ideally the award should go to an individual.
- ❖ The individual should be living, but consideration will be given to presenting this award posthumously.
- ❖ The nominee should be involved in law enforcement.
- ❖ The nominee should be a positive role model committed to a healthy lifestyle.
- ❖ The nominee should have made an outstanding contribution in the field of drug awareness/prevention.
- ❖ Ideally, the nominee has been identified as someone who has gone "above & beyond" their normal duties - someone who has made a difference.
- ❖ The nominee must have the support of their superiors.
- ❖ If selected, the nominee must be willing to attend an awards ceremony.
- ❖ Nomination must be in narrative form and include:
 - Endorsements & recommendations from appropriate sources such as (Departments, Governments, Citizens, etc.)
 - Both quality and quantity of endorsements and recommendations will be considered.
 - a list of nominee's previous awards & accomplishments
- ❖ Lastly, the nominee should exemplify the standards by which Enrique Camarena lived, worked and died - that one person can make a difference.



Time Line for Enrique Camarena Award



August/September - This is a good time to get the information to your Lodges.

October 1- Lodges should select their nominee and should forward that selection to District Chairpersons.

October 15 – District winners should be selected and forwarded to State Chairman to be considered for State award.

November - State Winner will be forwarded to Grand Lodge.

EACH STATE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A NATIONAL "RUNNER-UP" AWARD

December 31 - National winner will be selected and will be invited to attend a national ceremony along with sponsoring State Chairman – sponsoring Lodges will also receive an award.

January 15 - All national runners-up will receive an award and a letter from the national Directors.

State Convention – State Winner will be honored, and the State award presented.



**ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM
ENRIQUE S. CAMARENA AWARD
STATE NOMINATION FORM**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATION IS
October 15**

NOMINEE: _____

Certification

I certify that the above-named nominee meets or exceeds the standards for the Enrique Camarena Award and is the nominee to/from the State of California.

Nominated through _____ Lodge # _____.

Lodge Drug Awareness Chairperson: _____
(signature)

District Drug Awareness Chairperson: _____
(signature)

State Drug Awareness Chairman: _____
(signature)

All forms (including supporting documentation) should be included with this cover form and forwarded to:

**Diane Farrens
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Murrieta, CA 92563
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**REMEMBER!
DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION IS:
October 15**

ENRIQUE CAMARENA AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Nominee's Email: _____

Nominee's Employer: _____

Employers Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Employers Website Address: _____

Person and/or Agency Submitting Nomination:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

1) On a separate sheet(s) of paper: Write a 1 – 2-page article on the Nominee's accomplishments in Drug Education and Prevention in their community.

2) Nominations may be mailed, faxed, or emailed as shown above.