

# Awards & Scholarship Information

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## Introduction

The Governmental Purchasing Association of Georgia (GPAG) offers a variety of awards designed to recognize the accomplishments of its members. GPAG also offers a scholarship program for members that need financial assistance in order to attend GPAG sponsored events. The Awards and Scholarship Committee is responsible for reviewing, developing and administering the criteria to be used in conjunction with the following:

- Public Purchasing Officer of the Year Award;
- Public Buyer of the Year Award;
- Darrell Strange Award; and the
- Tom Dykes Scholarship

The Executive Board of GPAG established the Jimmy Cochran Distinguished Service Award in 2009. Recipients are selected by the GPAG Executive Board. The award was created to recognize those individuals that have made significant and sustained contributions to the organization.

## Public Purchasing Officer of the Year Award

The GPAG Public Purchasing Officer of the Year Award recognizes excellence in public procurement. In order for a member to be eligible for award, applicant must be a member in good standing and complete the Public Purchasing Officer of the Year Award application by due date. Award winner will have the choice of: (a) registration, lodging, travel (based on federal rates at time of travel) and meals (not included in registration fee) for the NIGP National Forum which must be used for one of the next two consecutive forums following award; or (b) registration, lodging, travel and meals (not included in registration fee) for two GPAG conferences occurring within two years of award.

Year	Award Recipient
1997	Roy Loehr
1998	Jimmy T. Cochran
1999	Sylvia Caswell
2000	Ouida E. Whitfield
2001	Kristin J. Harden
2002	Eugene "Jack" Millet
2003	Nancy M. Rooks
2004	S. Rebecca Daniel
2005	Tina McDonald
2006	Michael C. Barr
2007	Robert J. Canada
2008	Jim Moody

## Public Buyer of the Year Award

The GPAG Public Buyer of the Year Award recognizes excellence in public procurement. In order for a member to be eligible for award, applicant must be a member in good standing and complete the Public Buyer of the Year Award application by due date. Award winner will have the choice of: (a) registration, lodging, travel (based on federal rates at time of travel) and meals (not included in registration fee) for the NIGP National Forum which must be used for one of the next two consecutive forums following award; or (b) registration, lodging, travel and meals (not included in registration fee) for two GPAG conferences occurring within two years of award.

Year	Award Recipient
1996	Randy Cleveland
1997	Nancy B. Lam
1998	Michael E. Davidson
1999	S. Rebecca Daniel
2000	-
2001	Donna K. Kindon
2002	Rhonda Cannon
2003	-
2004	Bonnie McNabb
2005	Glenda Dyal
2006	Amy L. Ford
2007	Terri Gregory
2008	Jessica Brooks

## Darrell Strange Award

Darrell Strange served as the first president of GPAG. The Darrell Strange Award recognizes members that make significant contributions to GPAG. The Darrell Strange Award is presented to a member in good standing and is nominated and elected by the membership. Nomination is made in the form of a letter which is then distributed to all members along with a voting ballot. The winner of this award will have the choice of: (a) registration, lodging, travel (based on federal rates at time of travel) and meals (not included in registration fee) for the NIGP National Forum which must be used for one of the next two consecutive forums following award; or (b) registration, lodging, travel and meals (not included in registration fee) for two GPAG conferences occurring within two years of award.

Year	Award Recipient
1996	John H. Hitchcock
1997	Sylvia Caswell
1998	Nancy B. Lam
1999	Chuck Cook
2000	Alexandria Talley
2001	Jimmy T. Cochran

<b>Year</b>	<b>Award Recipient</b>
2002	Barbara A. Ogletree
2003	Jim Moody
2004	Michael E. Davidson
2005	David Yankey
2006	Eugene "Jack" Millet
2007	Gregory A. Brown
2008	Kathy Zak
2009	Linda Jones

### **Jimmy Cochran Distinguished Service Award**

The Jimmy Cochran Distinguished Service Award, established in 2009, recognizes members that have made significant and sustained contributions to the organization. Recipients are selected by the Executive Board of GPAG.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Award Recipient</b>
2009	Eugene "Jack" Millet

### **Tom Dykes Scholarship**

The Tom Dykes Scholarship can be granted to members in good standing and includes registration, lodging, travel and meals (not included in registration fee) for GPAG conferences. A maximum of two scholarships are offered at each GPAG conference. This scholarship was established for those whose agency will not pay for the member to attend GPAG conferences. In order to be eligible for this scholarship, member must write a letter requesting the scholarship and stating the reason for the need. The letter must be signed by the member's immediate supervisor and submitted to the GPAG Awards Committee Chair. Preference will be given to applicants that have not previously received the scholarship within the past two years.