



Call for Nominations

2011 GINETTA SAGAN AWARD FOR WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

“Ginetta Sagan’s name is synonymous with the fight for human rights around the world. She represents to all the triumph of the human spirit over tyranny.”
– President Bill Clinton

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Ginetta Sagan Fund of Amnesty International USA is to recognize and assist women who are working to protect the liberty and lives of women and children in areas where human rights violations are widespread. The 2011 award will be given to a woman who works on behalf of the human rights of **women and children**.

The Ginetta Sagan Fund recognizes individual accomplishment, but also serves as a beacon of hope to women everywhere who are fighting for human rights.

The Award:

- Recognizes outstanding achievement, often at great personal risk.
- Enhances the recipient's ability to live and work freely, and protects the recipient's capacity to continue her work, by bringing a new level of international attention to her accomplishments and the obstacles she faces.
- Brings increased international scrutiny to the crisis, region or issue for which the recipient works.

Awardee Qualities:

- Founder and/or Executive Director of an organization.
- Under threat for her activism.
- Proven effective at addressing human rights issues.
- Has brought about significant change in her country, region, or issue through her work.
- Not a political party leader or government official / employee.

The creation of the Ginetta Sagan Fund emphasizes that more human rights work must be done by and for women. The \$10,000 award is announced and presented each year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Amnesty International USA. The 2011 AGM location will be announced soon!

The \$10,000 award can be used by the awardee at her complete discretion.

For information about previous awardees, please visit www.amnestyusa.org/ginettasaganfund/ and click on “Previous Years’ Winners” on the left menu bar.

HISTORY OF THE GINETTA SAGAN FUND

For more than three decades, the late **Ginetta Sagan**, (1925-2000), recipient of the **1996 Presidential Medal of Freedom**, fought for the lives and rights of prisoners of conscience throughout the world. A tireless crusader and eternal optimist, Ginetta and her passionate dedication inspired generations of human rights advocates. In honor of her humanitarian achievements, Amnesty International USA created the Ginetta Sagan Fund in 1994, one of AIUSA's first permanently endowed funds and the only fund that specifically addresses the needs of women and children. The Ginetta Sagan Fund ensures the continuation in perpetuity of Ginetta's human rights legacy and brings worldwide attention to the abuses perpetrated on women and children.

For further information or to download the nomination form, please visit:
www.amnestyusa.org/ginettasaganfund/

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

LETTER OF NOMINATION

This letter of nomination should inform the Selection Committee why the candidate should receive the Ginetta Sagan Award for Women's and Children's Rights. To the extent that it is relevant, please include any personal background related to human rights. Please include answers to the following questions:

- What kinds of personal interactions have you had with the candidate? How would you characterize those interactions?
- What compels you to nominate this candidate?
- How has the candidate impacted and/or transformed her community through her work? Examples from past nominees include changes to legislation, raising the profile of the issue in her country and internationally, providing life-saving services, etc. Please be as inclusive as possible.
- Any other relevant information you would like to include.

Please submit a **signed** electronic nomination letter (signature scanned, sent via email) or a hard copy of the letter that contains your signature.

TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

These two letters can be from anyone familiar with the candidate's human rights work. If possible, please have these two letters sent along with the nomination package. If sent by email, please put the nominee's full name in the subject line.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Any material that can help the Selection Committee gain insight into the candidate would be very helpful. Electronic materials are especially welcome. This can include website links to press, interviews, one electronic or printed portrait photograph (if available), and any other relevant information. Please note that supporting materials will not be returned.

DEADLINE

Nomination and letters of recommendation must be received by **OCTOBER 1, 2011**.

SEND NOMINATION TO:

Email: gsf@aiusa.org or

The Ginetta Sagan Fund
c/o Amnesty International USA
350 Sansome Street, Suite 210
San Francisco, California 94104

Please send all inquiries to gsf@aiusa.org (preferred) or 415.288.1800 ext. 1745.

2011 NOMINATION FORM

(Please print or type clearly)

NOMINEE INFORMATION (TO BE PROVIDED BY THE NOMINATOR)

Name of candidate being nominated: _____
(Please capitalize family name)

Title/Position: _____

Human Rights Organization: _____

Address: _____

Street/P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Phone (work): _____ Phone (home): _____

Mobile (phone), if any: _____ Fax: _____

Language(s): _____

Please rate her English fluency: ___ Excellent ___ Fair ___ Poor
(Please note that this rating does not affect the selection process. It is only used to plan for appropriate interpretation services if the candidate is selected).

Please briefly answer the following questions:

How long have you known the person you are nominating for this award? _____

In what capacity do you know the candidate? (i.e. Through collaboration and joint activities, etc.)

How long has the candidate been involved in women's and/or children's right work?

Has the nominee faced threats or intimidation for her human rights work?

What awards if any have previously been awarded to this nominee? _____

Would this candidate be comfortable promoting her work in the media and in public for during her tour to the U.S.? (While one of the goals of the award is to increase visibility of the awardee, we organize the tour based on the awardee's wishes.) _____

*** Please feel free to expand on any of the questions above, as needed. ***

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name of Nominator: _____

Title/Position: _____

Human Rights Organization: _____

Address: _____

Street/P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Phone (work): _____ Phone (home): _____

Mobile (phone), if any: _____ Fax: _____

CHECKLIST- Make sure your nomination is complete before submission!

- Letter of nomination (if submitted electronically, please send a scanned version that contains your signature)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Nomination Form
- Supporting materials
 - Photograph
 - News / articles
 - Interviews
 - Weblinks

RECOMMENDER #1 INFORMATION

Name of Recommender #1: _____

Title/Position: _____

Human Rights Organization: _____

Address: _____

Street/P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Phone (work): _____ Phone (home): _____

Mobile (phone), if any: _____ Fax: _____

RECOMMENDER #2 INFORMATION

Name of Recommender #1: _____

Title/Position: _____

Human Rights Organization: _____

Address: _____

Street/P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Phone (work): _____ Phone (home): _____

Mobile (phone), if any: _____ Fax: _____