

# *Call for Nominations*

## **2012 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 2012 award will be given to a woman who works on behalf of the human rights of **women and/or 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 and children. The \$10,000 award is announced and presented each year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Amnesty International USA. The 2012 AGM will be in Denver, Colorado March 30-April 1, 2012.

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/](http://www.amnestyusa.org/ginettasaganfund/) and click on "Previous Years' Winners."

### **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 please visit: [www.amnestyusa.org/ginettasaganfund/](http://www.amnestyusa.org/ginettasaganfund/)

## **AWARD INFORMATION**

The \$10,000 award can be used by the awardee at her complete discretion. The money is awarded to the individual, not the organization.

We ask that the awardee be available for the award presentation during the Amnesty USA Annual General Meeting March 30-April 1, 2012. We also ask that she be available for a national tour to promote her work for 2-3 weeks following the AGM. The awardee should be comfortable with public appearances, speaking in public and doing interviews.

## **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 **NOVEMBER 15, 2011**.

**SEND NOMINATION TO:**

Email: [gsf@aiusa.org](mailto:gsf@aiusa.org) or  
The Ginetta Sagan Fund c/o Amnesty International USA  
350 Sansome Street, Suite 210  
San Francisco, California 94104, USA

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

**2012 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) she is comfortable speaking publically:  
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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?  
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In what capacity do you know the candidate? (i.e. Through collaboration and joint activities, etc.)

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

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

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

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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.)

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

**NOMINATOR INFORMATION**

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Human Rights Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Human Rights Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (work): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile (phone), if any: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_