

Minnesota's Awarded NASS Medallion Awards 2003-2024

Year	Awarding Secretary	Recipient	Reason
2003	Mary Kiffmeyer	MN Deer Hunters Association	
2003	Mary Kiffmeyer	Clayton Pyle	
2003	Mary Kiffmeyer	Kids Voting USA	
Oct. 2004	Mary Kiffmeyer	Smackdown Your Vote – WWE	Sponsored Voting Education Campaign in MN
Oct. 2004	Mary Kiffmeyer	Kristin Rudin	Support of innovations for military absentee voting
Oct. 2004	Mary Kiffmeyer	Ron Maddox	Assisting with “get out the vote” partnerships
Feb. 2006	Mary Kiffmeyer	Laura Elvebak, MN Valley Council of Governments	For efforts to increase youth civic participation statewide
Feb. 2006	Mary Kiffmeyer	Adolfo Cardona, Latino Midwest News	For encouraging civic engagement through public affairs reporting
Feb. 2006	Mary Kiffmeyer	Judith Schwartam, Minneapolis City Hall	For excellence in elections and creativity in civic engagement
Feb. 2006	Mary Kiffmeyer	Jean Woorster, MN Association of Townships	For commitment to grassroots government excellence
Feb. 2006	Mary Kiffmeyer	Susan Jessico, Woodland Middle School	Excellence in civics education
July 2006	Mary Kiffmeyer	Vicki Fellows, Taktan High School	Extraordinary efforts to engage youth in good citizenship activities
July 2006	Mary Kiffmeyer	Margot Imdieke Cross, MN Disability Council	Extraordinary contributions to state initiatives in voter education and disability access.
July 2006	Mary Kiffmeyer	Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN	Efforts to engage company employees in good citizenship activities
Nov. 2006	Mary Kiffmeyer	Kent Kaiser, MN SOS	Outstanding Voter Outreach Efforts
Nov. 2006	Mary Kiffmeyer	Nicholas Truso, MN SOS	Outstanding Voter Outreach Efforts
Apr. 2008	Mark Ritchie	Galyn White, Student	Outstanding Voter Outreach Efforts – reached out to the disability community as a member
Apr. 2008	Mark Ritchie	Rev. Emory Dively, pastor, Twin Cities Deaf Assembly of God Church	Outstanding Voter Outreach Efforts – reached out to deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind community
Apr. 2008	Mark Ritchie	Trudy Suggs, part of the Deaf Voter Engagement 2006 campaign	Outstanding Voter Outreach Efforts – Deaf Voter

			Engagement Campaign leadership
Apr. 2008	Mark Ritchie	Mai Thor, Minnesota Disability Law Center	Outstanding Voter Outreach Efforts – disability voter outreach
Apr. 2012	Mark Ritchie	Melinda Hugdahl	She has been instrumental in passing important legislation that further ensures Safe at Home participants' addresses remain confidential.
Apr. 2012	Mark Ritchie	Sue Kendrick	She has been very helpful when Safe at Home participants have problems with their driver's licenses or state ID cards.
Apr. 2012	Mark Ritchie	Patti Jo Kewatt	For approx. 4 yrs. She was the Xcel Energy contact person for all Safe at Home participants with Xcel Energy accounts. Many program participants have commented on their positive experiences with her.
Apr. 2012	Mark Ritchie	Susan Anderson	She has been instrumental at helping county record offices understand the importance of privacy and confidentiality when maintaining records of Safe at Home participants.
July 2013	Mark Ritchie	Paul Hodnefield	He has been connected to the office's Bus. Services Div. for at least 25 yrs. and helped rewrite the UCC Online application
July 2013	Mark Ritchie	Minnesota State Bar Association, Business Law Section	Has assisted the SOS office for over 34 yrs. by providing support for improvements in business entity policy and service delivery
July 2013	Mark Ritchie	Ann Higgins	She has been an incredible partner with the Office of the Secretary of State and a tireless advocate for city election officials
July 2013	Mark Ritchie	Kent Sulem	An attorney for the Minnesota Township Association has been a stalwart advocate for township election officials and a stellar partner with the Office of

			the Secretary of State for nearly a decade
July 2013	Mark Ritchie	Pat Turgeon	For her service as assistant communications manager, she demonstrated an enthusiastic work ethic and a true dedication to voter outreach
July 2014	Mark Ritchie	Elaine Love	On behalf of her work on the Safe at Home Program
July 2014	Mark Ritchie	Max Hailperin	As a professor in mathematics and computer science he has been an invaluable resource for the office in all matters related to technology and elections
July 2014	Mark Ritchie	Unisys	For producing "Guide to Flag Etiquette" at no cost to the office
July 2014	Mark Ritchie	Public Benefit Corporation Law Drafting Committee	Members worked to craft new chapter 304A allowing for a new kind of business entity in Minnesota – public benefit corporation
July 2014	Mark Ritchie	Judy Stuthman	Member of League of Women Voters who started voter registration at naturalization ceremonies 20 yrs. ago
Oct. 2014	Mark Ritchie	Hennepin County Recorder's Office	For help developing a process that would allow participants in Minnesota's address confidentiality program to purchase real property without endangering the participant's safety
June 2015	Steve Simon	Walter F. Mondale	For courage and leadership in securing the right to vote for all Americans
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Nov. 2016	Steve Simon	Students of Minnesota	In 2016 held first Student Mock Election and over 96,000 students participated
Nov. 2016	Steve Simon	David Adney	MN Assoc. of Secondary School Principals Exec. Director who helped reach principals, teachers and student groups to get the Student Mock Election up and going
May 2017	Steve Simon	Harriette Darrough	For more than 30 years of victim advocacy work in Minnesota
Oct. 2017	Steve Simon	Fox Sports North	Enthusiastic help during 2016 election to promote registering to vote and playing PSA's during sports games.
Nov. 2018	Steve Simon	Gary Poser	In recognition of 12 years of service as Minnesota State Elections Director
May 2019	Steve Simon	Pamela Hoopes	For her advocacy on behalf of voters with disabilities, and her work to ensure that all Minnesotans can participate in their democracy.
July 2021	Steve Simon	The Links, Incorporated	A voter outreach organization that worked to increase turnout in low-turnout communities by hand writing pro-voting messages of encouragement on postcards they designed and had printed for the effort.
July 2021	Steve Simon	Jessalyn Akerman-Frank, Director of Community and Civic Engagement for the Minnesota Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind & Hard of Hearing	Jessalyn lead the creating of four ASL outreach videos establishment of an outreach team of 11 trained voting educators, who did presentations, answered questions, and provided information.
July 2021	Steve Simon	The Minnesota Dept. of Health	The Minnesota Department of Health worked hand in hand with the Office of Secretary of State to create guidance and best practices for polling place

			safety, election administration office safety, and how to communicate safety precautions to voters in advance of both the state primary and the state general election.
July 2021	Steve Simon	The Minnesota League of Cities, Elections Committee	The League of MN Cities, along with MACO, quickly worked with the OSS to create an elections in a pandemic response group, working quickly to create recommended change in procedures, guidance, and recommended changes in election law (that were adopted by the legislature for the 2020 election only) to ensure a safe and orderly election in Minnesota during a pandemic.
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May 2023	Steve Simon	CAPI USA	For outstanding community voter outreach efforts
May 2023	Steve Simon	ICAM	For outstanding community voter outreach efforts
May 2023	Steve Simon	Mike Dean	For outstanding leadership in empowering Minnesota college students
May 2023	Steve Simon	NACDI: Make Voting a Tradition	For outstanding community voter outreach efforts

May 2023	Steve Simon	RTV Coalition	For organizing the successful effort to restore voting rights to people on probation or parole
March 2024	Steve Simon	Bibi Black	In honor of Bibi Black's outstanding service to the state and people of Minnesota and her 43-year tenure with the Office of the Secretary of State
March 2024	Steve Simon	Luis Fitch	In honor of Luis Fitch's service to the state and people of Minnesota as Chair of the State Emblems Redesign Commission
March 2024	Steve Simon	Dr. Anita Gaul	In honor of Dr. Anita Gaul's service to the state and people of Minnesota as Vice Chair of the State Emblems Redesign Commission
March 2024	Steve Simon	Andrew Prekker	In honor of Andrew Prekker's service to the state and people of Minnesota as the designer of the original design for the new Minnesota State Flag
March 2024	Steve Simon	Ross Bruggink	In honor of Ross Bruggink's service to the state and people of Minnesota as the designer of the original design for the new Minnesota State Seal