



RE: Thomas E. Engells Award for Excellence

Annually, the Texas Association of College and University Police Administrators (TACUPA) presents the Thomas E. Engells Award for Excellence to an outstanding non-sworn campus police or security professional support employee. The award was established to recognize personnel who do not work in the field, but nonetheless are a valuable contributor to the success of their department. The successful nominee should demonstrate a devotion to service and support to their colleagues and the community.

The selected recipient will be presented an award plaque and a check for \$500.

This award is named in honor of Thomas E. Engells, who served 35-years in the University of Texas System culminating as Police Chief of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. He was twice selected as UT System Police Chief of the Year and was also named TACUPA Administrator of the Year in 2006. Chief Engells was an international expert in biosecurity and authored numerous articles in peer-review journals on ethics, leadership, and homeland security. Chief Engells was well regarded as a leader who took a personal interest in career development and goals of his staff, in particular non-sworn support personnel.

Eligibility criteria and submission guidelines include:

- Any person employed as a non-field, non-sworn employee at a higher education police or security department that has at least one employee who is a member of TACUPA. Dispatchers are eligible for this award.
- Only one nominee per institution per year may be submitted.
- Each nomination should include a narrative, no more than two pages in length, outlining the nominee's service to their department and their college or university.
- The nomination may be submitted by anyone but must be endorsed by the Department's Chief Administrative Officer.
- Nominations should be emailed to TACUPAorganization@gmail.com
- Submission deadline is October 31 for that year's award to be presented in December.

Note: The 2020 Award Nomination deadline has been extended through March 31, 2021. The 2020 Award presentation will be in May 2021.

Should you have any questions, please contact the TACUPA Board at TACUPAorganization@gmail.com.

Website: <https://www.tacupa.org/awards-and-scholarships>