

## **RULES FOR JOSEPH M. PLASKO CITIZENSHIP AWARD OF THE TAMAQUA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The Board of Directors of the Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce established an annual "Citizenship Award" in 1963. Rules governing this selection are as follows:

1. The recipient of this award shall be selected on the basis of voluntary contribution to the civic advancement of Tamaqua and the well-being of its citizens. Any work for which the nominee was paid shall not be considered in the selection. The award is not being made solely on any subdivision of civic endeavor, such as religious, economic or charitable activity, but rather on an overall service on a variety of community endeavors.
2. The Selection Committee shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the President of the Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce, who will also serve as a non-voting Chairman of the Committee. The Selection Committee shall consist of the following:
  - Two (2) members of the Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce
  - The President of the Tamaqua Ministerial Association or his representative.
  - The Superintendent of Schools or her designated representative.
  - Two (2) Representatives for local civic organizations.
  - One (1) Representative from the community, public -at-large.
3. The award will be presented at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Community Dinner in April.
4. The purpose of the Joseph M. Plasko Citizenship Award is to bring to public recognition those persons who, by their interest and leadership, have influenced others in the responsibility of the individual to the community-at-large.
5. The Joseph M. Plasko Citizenship Award is open to all residents of the Tamaqua Area School District, 18 years of age and older.
6. Nominations in the form of signed letters will be accepted from various fraternal, social, religious or civic organizations, as well as individual residents of the area. The general public shall be encouraged to participate and a press release announcing the receiving of the nominations shall be placed in local newspapers three weeks in advance of the meeting of the Selection Committee. Nomination letters are to be mailed to the Joseph M. Plasko Citizenship Award Committee in care of the Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce, 114 West Broad Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252. Email letters will also be accepted. The email address is [tamaquachamber@verizon.net](mailto:tamaquachamber@verizon.net).
7. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to determine if there are valid nominations for the award, or not to present it that particular year.
8. No unsigned letters will be considered. Email letters will be verified for authenticity.
9. The civic activities of the individual receiving this award need not necessarily have occurred during the year in which the award is to be presented.
10. The award is given to a person living at the time of the selection. If a nominee dies before the selection, he or she will be considered for a special award.
11. The Joseph M. Plasko Citizenship Award shall be presented in the form of an engraved plaque style and phrasing to be at the discretion of the Committee.