



Accepting Nominations for the NASHIA Katie Cash Award!

Nominations due by August 17, 2018!

The National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) is entertaining nominations for the **Katie Cash Award** presented annually to a NASHIA member who is a State government employee and who has demonstrated tireless efforts that directly and significantly contribute to the Association's achievements and organizational growth to further its mission -- *to assist States in improving and expanding services for individuals with brain injury and their families*. The award will be presented during the NASHIA Membership Meeting held during the 29th Annual State of the States in Head Injury Conference to be held **September 24-- 27, 2018, at Embassy Suites by Hilton Des Moines Downtown, Des Moines, Iowa**.

Should you wish to nominate a State employee for this prestigious award, please send your nomination to **Augusta Cash**, Katie Cash Nominations Committee, by **August 17, 2018**. You may send your nomination-- or any questions regarding the Award -- to Augusta at: awcash@bellsouth.net.

The NASHIA Katie Cash Award

Who was Katie Cash? Katie Cash was a Border Collie owned and much loved by its owner and one of the founders of NASHIA. A highly intelligent dog, Border Collies are:

- **Extremely intelligent.** They have been recognized by two prominent studies as the smartest breed of dog.
- **Working breed.** They are very active and thrive on "chores" and "tasks."
- Have a **natural instinct to herd and model good behavior.**
- **Persevere through difficulty.** The breed gives new meaning to the terms "focus" and "intensity."
- Crave mental stimulation and are **natural problem-solvers.**
- **Supreme competitors**, excel in **teamwork**, and are extremely protective of their territories.



A nominee for this prestigious award should have attributes similar to a Border Collie and because of these attributes, have demonstrated substantial contributions towards the Association's achievements and growth. An eligible nominee for the Katie Cash Award **must be a State agency employee and hold a Full or State Agency membership**. The Award is based on the nominee's:

- (1) Effort and accomplishment(s);
- (2) Ability to see opportunities, communicate possibilities, and foster innovative thinking;
- (3) Ability to lead others, gain cooperation, and work through difficulties; and
- (4) Loyal to NASHIA and its members.

We welcome all nominations, whether submitted by a NASHIA member or not. The nomination should be limited to two typewritten pages. Nominations are due in writing **by August 17, 2018**. You may send via email: awcash@bellsouth.net.



Don't wait! Register now to receive reduced conference registration rate and reserve your hotel room to ensure that you receive hotel conference rate. After *Fri., August 31*, the hotel room block with a reduced room rate will no longer be available. Visit the conference [website](#) for more information!



The National Association of State Head Injury Administrators assists State government in promoting partnerships and building systems to meet the needs of individuals with brain injuries and their families.

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