

The L.A. “Tex” Gunzelman Professional Distinguished Service Award

Tex Gunzelman began his Credit Union career as Education Director at the Nebraska Credit Union League in 1958. There he studied the concepts and philosophies of the Credit Union Movement and soon was offered the opportunity to manage a Credit Union with less than one million in assets, high delinquency and virtually no reserves. Through diligence and hard work, Metro Health Services Federal Credit Union was created. His efforts and dedication to the propagating of credit union services became the foundation for today’s Metro Credit Union.

The L.A. “Tex” Gunzelman Professional Distinguished Service Award is the highest individual professional honor that can be bestowed upon a credit union person in Nebraska. By its very nature, the credit union movement is made up of people willing to give a little extra and do a little more. There are some people like Tex, who go a step beyond. For them, the Nebraska Credit Union League will name one person to receive this prestigious award at the annual meeting.

Eligibility: Anyone currently employed or retired from a Nebraska Credit Union is eligible for nomination. All nominations will be kept confidential. Remember, you may nominate yourself or someone else. The nominee does not have to be a President or Manager or be from your credit union. It’s not necessary to obtain a nominee’s permission, but it may be useful in verifying information for the application.

Judging: The Recognition & Awards Advisory Board, confirmed by a full vote of the League board, will determine the top candidate.

Determination of the recipient will be based upon the following criteria:

1. Contributions to Credit Unions
2. League and National involvement
3. Position of Leadership and/or exceptional service to the community or civic organizations
4. Professional development and/or continuing education
5. Demonstration of on-going effort toward Credit Union philosophies and principles
6. Why are you nominating this person?

Please answer these **using a separate piece of paper** including the nominee’s name, current credit union affiliation, and their address/phone number.

Return all nominations to the Nebraska Credit Union League, 16929 Frances Street, Suite 203, Omaha, Nebraska 68130, or email ashaw@nebrcul.org.

****Entries must be received prior to April 15, 2026.**