

The banner features a dark blue background with a stylized graphic of a person's head and shoulders in gold and blue, set against a backdrop of stars and a crescent moon. The text "AMERICAN COUNSELING ASSOCIATION" is in white, and "2018 NATIONAL AWARDS" is in large, bold, white letters.

AMERICAN COUNSELING ASSOCIATION 2018 NATIONAL AWARDS

ACA FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICE AWARD

Background and Purpose

The ACA Federal Legislative Service Award recognizes a federal public official or public agency staff member who has made a significant contribution to the counseling profession or to the recipients of the services of the profession by influencing public policy at the national level. Nominees are not required to be ACA members. Nominations must be made by ACA members. Nominations for this award will be assessed by members of the ACA Public Policy & Legislation Committee.

Criteria and Requirements

The efforts of the individual must:

- Have resulted in public policy changes at the national level (through either legislative or administrative action) that have had a significant, positive impact on the counseling profession or individuals served by the profession—such as by expanding the breadth of services professional counselors may provide; broadening the base of potential consumers of counseling services to include new populations; creating greater opportunity for the professional development of the counseling profession; or improving the coordination of existing or new services with other professionals to benefit individuals served by the counseling profession.
- Be consistent with the mission of the counseling profession.
- Have included one or more of the following activities: taking primary responsibility for introducing and advancing a bill through Congress; offering an amendment to legislation or a regulation; gathering information leading to the introduction and passage of legislation or a regulation; presenting testimony that influenced the introduction or amendment of legislation or a regulation; exposing conditions or issues in hearings that resulted in administrative or legislative changes or legislative amendments; and/or developing a program for constituents to communicate with their legislative representatives in support of passage of a significant legislative bill.

Nomination Guidelines

In your nomination submission, briefly:

- Identify the national legislative or regulatory action that the individual has helped to influence through his or her efforts and explain and describe the realized or anticipated effects of the passage of this legislation or regulation.
- Explain how the members of ACA and its divisions or organizational affiliates most likely will benefit from this legislation or regulation.
- Identify and describe the activities the individual undertook in one or more of the following areas: taking primary responsibility for introducing and advancing a bill through Congress; offering an amendment to legislation or a regulation; gathering information leading to the introduction and passage of legislation or a regulation; presenting testimony that influenced the introduction or amendment of legislation or a regulation; exposing conditions or issues in hearings that resulted in administrative or legislative changes or legislative amendments; and/or developing a program for constituents to communicate with their representatives in support of passage of a significant bill.

Nomination Checklist

- Nominee Biography
- Nomination Letter
- Supporting Materials
- Maximum of two supporting letters

Submit your nomination(s) online by Nov. 12, 2017.