



## ACA FELLOW AWARD

### Background and Purpose

ACA Fellow awards are given to ACA members of professional distinction who have been recognized for significant and unique contributions to the counseling profession through professional practice, scientific achievement, leadership and governance, and/or teaching and training.

The ACA Fellows program is an honorary recognition bestowed upon less than one percent of ACA members. The program is a call for continued service...as professional counselors, authors, mentors, conference facilitators, practitioners, scholars, and leaders.

#### **The goals of the Fellows are:**

- To represent a diverse community of thoughtful leaders that creates and expands on both knowledge and insight into the strategic matters of the counseling profession.
- To identify and develop future leaders.
- To take an active role in ACA in the identification of future trends, research, and issues.
- To serve through active leadership in support of ACA and Fellows activities and programs.

As leaders in the counseling field, Fellows strongly embrace the *ACA Code of Ethics* and Position Statement on Nondiscrimination.

### Criteria and Requirements

#### **Candidates must:**

- Have a minimum of a Master's degree in counseling.
- Have been an ACA member for at least 10 continuous years, and be a member in good standing in the year the Fellow status is conferred.
- Candidates are expected to be active members of ACA and its divisions and have an identity as a professional counselor. Nomination materials should clearly identify the nominee's membership in ACA and identity as a professional counselor. Additionally, ACA and the Selection Committee place significant weight on the possession of appropriate professional credentials (LPC, CMHC, SC, CRC, NCC, NCSC, etc.). Candidates should identify both their eligibility for and possession of appropriate credentials based on experience, education, etc.
- The candidate must have made a significant, distinctive, and unique contribution to the counseling profession in one or more of the following areas:
  - Professional Practice
  - Scientific Achievement
  - Leadership and Governance
  - Teaching and Training

In exceptional situations, the Committee may waive some of the qualifications, or substitute some other body of work in lieu of the application materials.

## Nomination Guidelines

ACA members may nominate another ACA member for consideration. ACA members may nominate more than one candidate, but nominations should include candidates with which the nominator has direct experience and can attest to their leadership qualities and other attributes.

***Self-nominations will not be accepted.***

### **Applications for the Fellow Award should include the following:**

- A curriculum vitae of no more than four pages highlighting the nominee's service and involvement with ACA and the counseling profession.
- A statement by the nominee on what it means to be a professional counselor.
- A Letter of Endorsement: It is highly recommended that the letter of endorsement be written by an ACA Fellow. However, this letter may be completed by any ACA member or volunteer. Endorsements should result from direct contact with the candidate and should paint a picture of the candidate beyond what is stated in their supporting documents (as outlined above). Letters of endorsement should outline how the candidate has made a significant and distinctive impact on the counseling profession.
- At least three letters supporting this nominee as an ACA Fellow.

Inductees are expected to register and attend the ACA Conference and induction ceremony.

## Nomination Checklist

- Nominee Biography
- Nomination Letter
- Letter of Endorsement
- Supporting Materials (must include a CV)
- Two additional supporting letters
- Statement by the Nominee

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