



## CARL D. PERKINS GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AWARD

### Background and Purpose

Named in memory of the late Kentucky Member of Congress who chaired the House Education and Labor Committee, the Carl D. Perkins Government Relations Award honors an ACA member who has made a significant contribution to the counseling profession or individuals served by the profession by influencing public policy at the state or national level. 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 or state level (through either legislative or administrative action) that have a significant, positive impact on the counseling profession or on 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: Organizing and taking direct responsibility for a program or project to promote and facilitate greater communication between professional counselors (and/or individuals they serve) and legislators or other policy-makers concerning a significant legislative or administrative action, developing language for legislation or an agency regulatory action, performing research and gathering information to support or oppose legislation or agency regulatory action, or presenting or developing testimony that influenced the enactment of legislation or the implementation of regulations.

### Nomination Guidelines

#### **In your nomination submission, briefly:**

- Describe the realized or anticipated effects of the passage of this legislation or regulation.
- Explain how the passage of this legislation or regulation relates to the ACA government relations program and how ACA and its divisions or organizational affiliates most likely will benefit. In the case of state-level legislation or regulation, explain why and how it may be of interest and importance to professional counselors in other states. Identify and describe the activities the individual undertook in one or more of the following areas: organizing and taking direct responsibility for a program or project to promote and facilitate greater communication between professional counselors (and/ or individuals they serve) and legislators concerning significant legislation, developing language for legislation or an agency regulatory action, performing research and gathering information to support or oppose legislation or agency regulatory action, or presenting or developing testimony that influenced the enactment of legislation or the implementation of regulations.



## Nomination Checklist

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

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