



DON DINKMEYER SOCIAL INTEREST AWARD

Background and Purpose

The ACA award honoring Dr. Don Dinkmeyer recognizes an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution in the counseling field in support of families and family members through:

- The creation of materials that benefit families or counselors working with families, including contributions through publishing, the development of psychological education programs, editorial work, video or the media. OR,
- Establishing or maintaining a program that makes a positive impact on families at the local, regional, or national level. The award may recognize new programs or long-standing programs. OR,
- Having followed a career that has shown clear evidence of dedication to the issue of families and of working with and supporting families.

Don Dinkmeyer was the founding editor of the Elementary School Guidance and Counseling journal. His professional career as a counselor, counselor educator, and author was devoted to helping families. His published materials include widely recognized works in parent education, elementary school curriculums, marriage enrichment and therapy materials, and counseling programs.

Dr. Dinkmeyer believed that empowerment and encouragement occurs through education and skill training. He encouraged efforts to help families and family members through actions and deeds.

This award was created to further social interest, the process of helping others for the common good. It is intended to recognize individuals (or organizations) whose actions and publications have been vehicles of social interest, with a meaningful and positive influence on families and family life. The award includes an honorarium of \$1,000.

Criteria and Requirements

- Nominations must come from an ACA member.
- The awardee need not be an ACA member.
- Nominations for school and community programs, as well as outstanding individuals, are encouraged.

Nomination Guidelines

Submit a nomination of not more than three pages in length (additional appendices and exhibits are welcome).

In the nomination, briefly:

- Describe the programs, activities, or accomplishments that qualify the nominee for this award.
- Describe the influences the nominee's efforts have had on the population(s) the nominee seeks to serve, consistent with the award criteria and the concept of social interest.
- Provide appropriate biographical information about the nominee, including how to contact the nominee. If the nominee is an organization, identify a contact person and provide contact information.



Nomination Checklist

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

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