

The banner features a dark blue background with a collage of images including award trophies, a DNA helix, and a stylized graphic of a person with arms raised in a 'V' shape, 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

DR. JUDY LEWIS COUNSELORS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

Background and Purpose

The award recognizes a person (or persons) who has engaged in social justice and advocacy aimed at making the lives of others and/or communities better through empowerment, community organizing, and/or systems change through active engagement. Nominations for this award are assessed by the ACA Awards Committee and two representatives from Counselors for Social Justice. The award includes a \$500 honorarium.

This award was created in honor of Dr. Judy Lewis, a founder of CSJ, a past president of ACA, and a visionary social justice leader. Judy was feisty, determined, and an advocate for social justice within marginalized communities, working with women and youth, promoting advocacy within the counseling profession, and working on national political campaigns. She was a prolific writer and always wove advocacy, social justice, empowerment, anti-oppression, power dynamics, critical analysis, and community-based counseling into all of her published works. She was a doer and creator, and she was always willing to take the lead and challenge the status quo. The award is supported by the royalties of *ACA Advocacy Competencies: A Social Justice Framework for Counselors*, edited by Manivong Ratts, Rebecca Toporek, and Judy Lewis.

Criteria and Requirements

The award nominee must be a person (or persons) who has engaged in social justice and advocacy with a minimum of at least two of the following component parts:

- Actively engaged in demonstrated social justice action aimed at making the lives of others and/or communities better.
- Engaged in empowerment of marginalized individuals and/or communities.
- Engaged in community organizing and systems change that promote human rights and social justice action.
- Youth advocacy in local communities.
- Advocacy for women across the life span.
- Demonstrated evidence of ongoing inclusive change in the community/communities within which the individual(s) work. This engagement can include academia, but is not solely in academia, and includes active engagement in the community.

Nominator and Nominee Eligibility

- Nominator and/or nominee do not need to be members of ACA or CSJ.
- Nominator and/or nominee can be a professional, educator, or student in a counseling or related field, or a social justice advocate within a community.

Nomination Guidelines

A letter of nomination is required from the nominator. The nomination letter can be no more than three pages in length (additional appendices and exhibits are welcome). In the letter, briefly:

- Describe the programs, activities, or accomplishments that qualify the nominee for this award.
- Describe the influences the nominee's efforts have had on her or his students or graduate program.

A statement from the nominee is required, describing the nominee's activities, projects, and engagements relevant to the criteria of this award.



Nomination Checklist

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

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