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National Awards

Each year, the American Counseling Association's National Awards program recognizes and celebrates the achievements of ACA members who have distinguished themselves through their work and have, in doing so, enhanced the credibility and professionalism of counseling. ACA National Awards salute outstanding achievements by counselors in a number of different categories. Detailed information about each award is included in this packet.

Nominations for a National Award may be made by any ACA member, as well as any ACA Division/Organizational Affiliate, branch, region, or committee.

For the ACA 2017 National Awards, all nominations must be submitted online at counseling.org/nationalawards by November 3, 2016. Most awards require supporting material; please see attached award descriptions and requirements for more information. All nominees and nominators will be notified of the outcome in January, 2017.

The National Awards will be presented at a ceremony during the 2017 ACA Annual Conference in San Francisco. Award recipients and their nominators will receive invitations to attend the awards ceremony at the Conference.

The National Awards Committee hopes to seek diversity in cultural identities for the potential award winners and to expand this recognition process to represent professional counselors everywhere.



NATIONAL AWARDS



SUBMITTING A NOMINATION FOR A NATIONAL AWARD

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Verify that both you and the individual you want to nominate are ACA members.

You will be required to note both ACA Member IDs on the online nomination form.

Please note:

- A) Some exceptions exist regarding the ACA membership requirement (as noted in award description):
 - ▲ Don Dinkmeyer Social Interest Award (nominee need not be an ACA member)
 - ▲ Dr. Judy Lewis Counselors for Social Justice Award (nominator and nominee need not be ACA members)
 - ▲ Federal Legislative Service Award (nominee need not be an ACA member)
- B) Self-nominations are not allowed except for the following awards:
 - ▲ ACA Counselor Educator Advocacy Award
 - ▲ ACA Local, Branch, and Regional Award
 - ▲ ACA State Branch Advocacy Award
 - ▲ Courtland C. Lee Multicultural Excellence Scholarship Award
 - ▲ Glen E. Hubele National Graduate Student Award
- C) An individual can only be nominated for one award per year.

2. Prepare your nomination submission.

- A) **The Nomination Letter (required)** – in the nomination letter, identify the nominee and the specific award for which you are nominating this person. Explain why you believe the nominee merits the award by responding to the specific criteria outlined in the nomination guidelines for each award. Please keep in mind that the awards reviewers are relying on the information you provide, as well as any supporting information, to choose the most deserving recipient. Therefore, please address each nomination guideline and ensure your nominee meets the award criteria and requirements. Brevity, clarity, and specificity are most important here.

- B) **Supporting Material (refer to award description)** – if there are materials (news reports, journal articles, etc.) that you feel help support the nominee's achievements, please include a copy of them. You may also include a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae (CV) or resume of **no more than four pages** highlighting the nominee's relevant accomplishments, if available. **Your total submission cannot exceed 16 pages in length.** Please note the nomination packages for the following awards may exceed 16 pages due to the inclusion of the required supporting materials:
 - ▲ ACA Best Practices Award
 - ▲ ACA Extended Research Award
 - ▲ ACA Fellow Award
 - ▲ ACA Research Award
- C) **Supporting Letters (refer to award description)** – a maximum of 3 supporting letters from others familiar with the nominee and his or her accomplishments may also be submitted and included in the 16 page total.
- D) All nomination materials must be combined into one document (all formats accepted) with the nomination letter first. If the nomination is not submitted per these instructions or is incomplete it will be marked as ineligible and will not be considered further.

3. Submit your nomination(s) online at www.counseling.org/nationalawards, by November 3, 2016.

Please read award description and requirements carefully before submitting the nomination. The nomination letter and supporting documentation must address ALL award criteria and meet ALL award nomination guidelines or the nomination will be considered ineligible.

ACA National Awards Summary

ACA Counselor Educator Advocacy Award recognizes a counselor educator for work in fostering an awareness of and expertise in advocacy among counseling students. Nominations for this award are assessed by the ACA Public Policy & Legislation Committee.

ACA Extended Research Award recognizes an ACA member who has conducted high-quality research on issues of significance to the counseling profession over the course of at least 10 years.

ACA Federal Legislative Service Award recognizes a public official or public agency staff member who has made a significant contribution to the counseling profession or recipients of the profession's services by influencing public policy at the national level. Nominations for this award are assessed by the ACA Public Policy & Legislation Committee.

ACA Fellow Award are given to an ACA member of professional distinction who has been recognized for significant and unique contributions in professional practice, scientific achievement and governance, or teaching and training.

ACA Local, Branch and Regional Award recognizes local, branch and regional counseling associations celebrating their 25th, 50th or 75th anniversaries.

ACA Professional Development Award recognizes an ACA member who has developed techniques and systems that have strengthened, expanded, enhanced or improved the counseling profession and benefited counseling consumers (\$300 honorarium).

ACA Research Award honors an ACA member for an outstanding research project that was published between September 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015.

ACA State Branch Advocacy Award recognizes a state counseling organization for excellence in legislative advocacy efforts. Nominations for this award are assessed by the ACA Public Policy & Legislation Committee.

Arthur A. Hitchcock Distinguished Professional Service Award honors service by an ACA member at the local, state, or national level to promote or enhance the well-being of the counseling profession.

Best Practices Research Award recognize Best Practice research projects in three categories – those conducted by a student, a practicing counselor, and a faculty counselor trainer. Nominations for this award will be assessed by the ACA Research and Knowledge Committee.

Carl D. Perkins Government Relations Award honors an ACA member who has made a significant contribution to the counseling profession by influencing public policy at the state or national level. Nominations for this award are assessed by the ACA Public Policy & Legislation Committee.

Courtland C. Lee Multicultural Excellence Scholarship Award is presented to a graduate student in counselor education whose dedication and academic work demonstrate excellence in the theory and practice of multicultural counseling (\$2,500 honorarium).

David K. Brooks, Jr. Distinguished Mentor Award, presented by the ACA Foundation, recognizes the invaluable influence of a professional mentor and salutes the ACA member whose actions adhere to this special type of teaching which David Brooks supported throughout his career (\$500 honorarium).

Don Dinkmeyer Social Interest Award recognizes an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to families (\$1,000 honorarium).

Dr. Judy Lewis Counselors for Social Justice 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 (\$500 honorarium).

Garry R. Walz Trailblazer Award recognizes an individual who exemplifies a trailblazer in the counseling profession. One that has created an idea or concept that stands out both in originality and practicality and demonstrates a personal commitment to enact it. Nominations for this award are assessed by a selection committee that includes Garry Walz (\$1,000 honorarium).

Gilbert and Kathleen Wrenn Award for a Humanitarian and Caring Person honors an ACA member who gives to others without fanfare or expectation of reward other than the personal satisfaction of seeing other people made happier (\$1,000 honorarium).

Glen E. Hubele National Graduate Student Award recognizes outstanding scholarship by an ACA student member (\$450 honorarium).

Kitty Cole Human Rights Award honors an ACA member who has made significant contributions to promoting human rights. Nominations for this award will be assessed by members of the ACA Human Rights Committee.

Ralph F. Berdie Memorial Research Award supports research in the area of college student affairs or related areas of counseling and education (\$300 honorarium).

Robert Rencken Emerging Professional Leader Award is presented to a former ACA state branch or state division president, who has demonstrated the potential to become a dedicated leader of the counseling profession in future years.

Samuel T. Gladding Unsung Heroes Award recognizes an ACA member and professional counselor who has made a significant contribution providing direct services to students or clients (\$1,000 honorarium).

Thomas J. Sweeney Award for Visionary Leadership and Advocacy is given in honor of the lifetime contributions of Dr. Sweeney to the counseling profession. This award is presented to a professional counselor or counselor educator in recognition of career contributions to the counseling profession through leadership and advocacy (\$500 honorarium).

ACA COUNSELOR EDUCATOR ADVOCACY AWARD

Background and Purpose

The ACA Counselor Educator Advocacy Award recognizes a counselor educator for work in fostering an awareness of and expertise in advocacy among counseling students. It is vital to the continued health and wellbeing of the counseling profession that its members become interested and engaged in the policymaking process, and feel comfortable and effective in doing so. Nominations for this award will be assessed by members of the Public Policy & Legislation Committee of ACA.

Criteria and Requirements

- Nominations must come from an ACA member.
- The nominee must be an ACA member.
- Self-nominations are welcome.
- Nominations will be evaluated on the basis of the nominee's documented activities in fostering the development of legislative advocacy awareness, interest, knowledge, and skills among counseling graduate students.

Nomination Guidelines

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

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

ACA EXTENDED RESEARCH AWARD

Background and Purpose

The Extended Research Award recognizes an ACA member who has conducted and published high-quality basic or applied research over an extended period of time (not less than 10 years) on issues of significance and interest to the counseling profession. For the purpose of this award, research involves systematic inquiry or investigation using quantitative or qualitative techniques, which result in usable findings and recommendations for the field.

Criteria and Requirements

The research, which may be either basic or applied, must:

- Have been carried out over the course of at least ten (10) years prior to the year the award will be presented. You must document the approximate date the research began.
- Answer questions and investigate ideas that are concerned with problems of interest and significance to the counseling profession and have findings that can be applied beyond the immediate research setting. Please do not nominate projects that are not original research (i.e. reviews of research).
- Address issues that relate to areas of interest to one or more of ACA's divisions and/or organizational affiliates.
- Have been carried out using research procedures of the highest quality, including clear definitions of populations, selection of appropriate sampling techniques and controls, use of appropriate research design, appropriate and accurate statistical treatment of data, and use of valid, reliable instruments.
- Show a careful interpretation of the results and conclusions that do not go beyond the data.

Nomination Guidelines

In your nomination submission, briefly:

- State the purpose of the research or area of inquiry, which must be a systematic inquiry to discover facts or principles.
- Identify one or more ACA divisions or organizational affiliates to which the research is relevant.
- Describe how these findings are important to the counseling profession.
- Indicate the period during which the research was conducted.
- Include an annotated bibliography of published research of all ACA publications and those in counseling, psychology, sociology, measurement and educational research.
- Include a sample of published research demonstrating the importance of the line of inquiry.

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 recipients of the profession's services by influencing public policy at the national level. Nominations for this award will be assessed by members of the Public Policy & Legislation Committee of ACA.

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 or 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 result 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 result 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.

ACA FELLOW AWARD

Background and Purpose

These 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 1% of ACA's members. It 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 ACA's *Code of Ethics* and Non-Discrimination Statement.

Criteria and Requirements

Candidates must:

- Have a minimum of a master's degree in counseling;
- Have been an ACA member for at least ten 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 nominee's membership in ACA and identity as a professional counselor. Additionally, ACA and the Selection Committee place significant weight on 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 vita of no more than four pages highlighting the nominee's service and involvement with ACA and the counseling profession.
- A statement by the nominee related to what it means to be a professional counselor.
- A Letter of Endorsement - it is highly recommended 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.

ACA LOCAL, BRANCH, AND REGIONAL AWARD

Background and Purpose

The ACA Local, Branch and Regional Award recognizes local, branch and regional counseling associations celebrating their 25th, 50th, or 75th anniversaries.

Criteria and Requirements

- The association is currently active as a unit in ACA;
- The association possesses an official ACA charter; and
- The association shows evidence of continuous professional service to ACA members for 25, 50 or 75 years.

Nomination Guidelines

- The president or chairperson of the local, branch or regional association must submit a supporting evidence statement of continuous professional service to the membership (no more than 300 words).
- An official charter from ACA headquarters also must be submitted.

ACA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Background and Purpose

The Professional Development Award recognizes an ACA member who has developed techniques and systems that have strengthened, expanded, enhanced, improved, and/or otherwise had demonstrable benefits to clients. The award includes an honorarium of \$300.

Criteria and Requirements

The individual must have engaged in a history of professional development efforts that:

- Have been concerned primarily with the profession in general, while recognizing that a discrete component of the profession may be a focus.
- Have strengthened, expanded, enhanced, improved or extended the horizons of the profession, such as by broadening applications of and opportunities for the profession; influenced other professions; identifying needs of the public and providing services to meet these needs; or enlarging the potential clientele for the delivery of services by the profession.
- Have included substantive work beyond the call of duty to improve professional practices and demonstrate diligence, skill, and effectiveness in applying principles and concepts to achieve professional goals. These efforts may include the following:
 - ▲ the development of methods, techniques, materials, books and/or models
 - ▲ exceptional efforts to obtain support for the profession;
 - ▲ sustained efforts in professional education, through providing training, workshops, providing supervision to or teaching counselors or counselors in training;
 - ▲ efforts to create and improve opportunities for all individuals to realize their full potential, as evidenced by work performed in professional organizations, work that has affected the lives and careers of many, or other activities that demonstrate sensitivity to the problem in general of human growth and development and relate to improving the interaction of people with their environment.

Nomination Guidelines

In your nomination submission, briefly:

- Describe the nominee's contributions to the intentional strengthening, expansion, improvement, enhancement, or extension of the profession.
- Describe the nominee's history of substantive, sustained work beyond the call of duty to improve professional practices or achieve professional growth.
- Describe the nominee's history of extensive effort to create and improve opportunities for all individuals to realize their full potential.

ACA RESEARCH AWARD

Background and Purpose

The ACA Research Award honors and recognizes high-quality, original research conducted by an ACA member (or an ACA member and other colleagues working in collaboration) in areas of interest to the counseling profession and the divisions or organizational affiliates of ACA. For the purpose of this award, research involves systematic inquiry or investigation using quantitative or qualitative techniques, which result in usable findings and recommendations for the field.

Criteria and Requirements

The research must:

- Be published between September 1, 2015 and August 31, 2016 in a research journal specializing in counseling, psychology, measurement, or education.
- Involve systematic inquiry or investigation using quantitative or qualitative techniques, which result in usable findings and recommendations for the field. Please restrict nominations to projects that are original research.
- Be concerned with problems of interest and significance to the counseling profession, with findings that are applicable beyond the immediate setting.
- Be in an area of interest to one or more of ACA's divisions or organizational affiliates.
- Utilize research procedures that are of the highest quality, including a clear definition of population, selection of appropriate sampling techniques and controls, use of appropriate research design, adequate and correct quantitative or qualitative analysis of data, and use of valid, reliable instruments.
- Show careful interpretation of results and conclusions that do not go beyond the data.
- Be scholarly in organization and presentation.

Nomination Guidelines

In your nomination submission, briefly:

- Clearly state the purpose of the study, which must be an original, systematic inquiry to discover facts or principles.
- Briefly describe how the findings of the research are important for the counseling profession and identify one or more ACA divisions or affiliates to which this research is relevant.
- Include one copy of the research article, including the publication date.

ACA STATE BRANCH ADVOCACY AWARD

Background and Purpose

The ACA State Branch Advocacy Award recognizes a state counseling organization for excellence in legislative advocacy efforts. While in some cases, legislative accomplishments of importance to the counseling profession at the state and local level are primarily the work of one or more individual counselors; a coordinated effort on the part of the state counseling organization is more likely to lead to success. Effective state counseling organization legislative efforts require collaboration, energy, and cooperation of the organization's leaders and members. The ACA State Branch Advocacy Award was established to help recognize and encourage such collective efforts on the part of a state organization. Nominations for this award will be assessed by members of the Public Policy & Legislation Committee of ACA.

Criteria and Requirements

- Nominations must come from an ACA member.
- The awardee must be a state counseling organization.
- Self-nominations are welcome.
- Award recipients must have engaged in a concerted activity aimed at achieving a specific legislative, regulatory, or organizational goal. Although actual legislative accomplishments are particularly worthy of recognition, an even greater emphasis will be placed on the effective, collaborative, and productive efforts of a state organization's team of leaders and members working on specific task or objective.

Nomination Guidelines

Submit a nomination of not more than three pages in length (additional appendices and exhibits are welcome). In it briefly describe the legislative program(s), activities, or accomplishments which you feel qualify the organization for this award, and the effects that these had on counselors and their clients in the state. The nomination should describe the various state organization office-members and other leaders and members involved in the effort. Please identify a contact person and contact information for the organization.

ARTHUR A. HITCHCOCK DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Background and Purpose

The Arthur A. Hitchcock Distinguished Professional Service Award honors outstanding service by an ACA member at the local, state, or national level in addressing the issues of the counseling profession and in stimulating future service to promote the well-being of the counseling profession.

Criteria and Requirements

Service is defined as work done or duties performed primarily with the intent of benefiting or giving assistance to the profession without need for personal gain. The individual's service must:

- Be of a nature that promotes the profession.
- Have widespread and general effects, rather than being limited in scope.
- Be concerned primarily with the counseling profession.
- Relate to the areas of interest of one or more of ACA's divisions or organizational affiliates.

Nomination Guidelines

In your nomination submission, briefly:

- Describe some examples of the nominee's service at local, state, or national levels to promote the counseling profession and the effects of this service.
- Explain how these actions relate to areas of interest to the counseling profession in general or one or more of ACA's division or organizational affiliates.

BEST PRACTICES RESEARCH AWARD

Background and Purpose

These awards will recognize "Best Practices" Research projects conducted by a student, a practicing counselor, and a faculty counselor trainer. Completed research projects within the last two years that further the evidence-base for counseling practice will be considered for this award. Eligible projects may include original research or a synthesis of the research literature supporting a particular practice or approach. Nominations for this award will be assessed by the ACA Research and Knowledge Committee. Up to five awards may be given.

Criteria and Requirements

Candidates must be members of ACA and will be expected to attend the 2016 Conference to present their research and receive their award.

Nomination Guidelines

All applications must include:

- A description of the project using a standard Abstract form: Background, Research Question, Methods, Results, and Conclusions. Specific word limits differ across awards.
- 300 word justification of why this research should be given a "Best Practice" Research Award.
- Recommendation letters from individuals with knowledge about the contribution of the research (no more than 2 pages).
- Recommendation letters should not be written by the nomination, or co-authors of the article unless the nominator stems from a dissertation and the co-author is the dissertation chair (please disclose if this is the case).
- Acknowledgment from the publisher of any work accepted for publication.

Student Award -- Students interested in applying for the award must be graduate level students currently matriculating in a counselor education program. Postdoctoral students are also eligible for this award. Word limits for Master's students' project descriptions should be 300 words or less and for Doctoral students, 500 words or less. Master's students should also submit 1 letter of recommendation from a faculty member who is familiar with the research and can certify student status. Doctoral students should submit 2 letters of recommendation, one from the program/department chair who can certify student status, and one from a faculty member familiar with their research. If this research has been accepted for publication, a copy of the acceptance letter from the publication should be included.

Counseling Practitioner Award -- Any ACA member whose primary professional activity involves counseling practice is eligible for this award. The detailed abstract should be no more than 1,000 words. Two letters of recommendation should be included, one verifying that the individual is a professional counselor and another from someone familiar with the work. Research topics can include areas of counseling practice, assessment, consultation, or advocacy.

Faculty Award -- Any ACA member whose primary professional activity involves an academic appointment in a department of counselor education or counseling psychology is eligible for this award. The abstract should be not more than 1,000 words. Two letters of recommendation should be included from individuals familiar with the research project.

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 Public Policy & Legislation Committee of ACA.

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 individuals served by the profession, such as by expanding the breadth of services professional counselors may provide or 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.

COURTLAND C. LEE MULTICULTURAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Background and Purpose

Awarded by Courtland C. Lee, Professor in the Counselor Education Program at the Washington D.C. campus of The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, from the royalties donated from the sale of his edited book, *Multicultural Issues in Counseling: New Approaches to Diversity* (Fourth Edition). This award of \$2500 is presented to a graduate student in counselor education whose dedication and academic work demonstrate excellence in the theory and practice of multicultural counseling. This award is given to help defray the cost of the awardee's graduate education.

Criteria and Requirements

To be eligible, the nominee must:

- Be a student pursuing a graduate degree in counseling at any time during the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016;
- Have compiled an outstanding academic record in his or her graduate studies, particularly in the area of multicultural counseling; and
- Have demonstrated through independent work a commitment to issues of multiculturalism and diversity in counseling (e.g., published or engaged in other scholarly activities related to issues of multiculturalism and diversity, developed innovative programs in the area of multiculturalism and diversity, demonstrated leadership in the areas of multiculturalism and diversity at the local, state, regional, national, or international level, participated actively in community service and/or advocacy initiatives).

Students may submit nominations on their own behalf or be nominated by a professor or colleague. Nominations will be evaluated on the basis of demonstrated academic excellence and commitment to the advancement of multiculturalism and diversity in the profession of counseling.

Nomination Guidelines

In your nomination submission:

- Clearly indicate that the nominee is an enrolled candidate for a graduate degree in counseling at any time during the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.
- Include a one-page summary that provides documentation of the nominees academic excellence, particularly in the areas of multiculturalism or diversity.
- Include a two-page summary of the nominee's independent work that demonstrates his or her commitment to issues of multiculturalism and diversity in counseling (e.g., published or engaged in other scholarly activities related to issues of multiculturalism and diversity, developed innovative programs, demonstrated leadership in this area at the local, state, regional, national, or international level, participated actively in community service and/or advocacy initiatives).

DAVID K. BROOKS, JR. DISTINGUISHED MENTOR AWARD

Background and Purpose

This award was created by the American Counseling Association Foundation (ACAF) and first presented in 1999 to honor David K. Brooks, Jr., a beloved colleague, teacher and friend to many in counseling. Mentoring was an integral facet of David's professional life and his personal philosophy; he believed that he had advanced in his career as a result of wise and caring mentors, and so, as an educator, he actively reached out to help others in their professional work. The award recipient of the David K. Brooks, Jr. Distinguished Mentor Award will have demonstrated an enthusiasm and support for the unique educational experience of mentoring which David Brooks both enjoyed and created through his own career and friendships.

The ACA Foundation presents an honorarium of \$500 with this award.

Criteria and Requirements

The award should recognize someone who has:

- A demonstrated record of supporting and strengthening the counseling profession;
- A demonstrated record as a role model and mentor; and
- An established history of professional excellence whereby the individual has freely given of himself or herself to help others within our profession.

Nomination Guidelines

The ACA Foundation is especially interested in recognizing individuals who exemplify the broadest definition of mentoring. Examples can include sharing expertise with new members of the profession, providing academic, professional, personal, or organizational support. The Foundation is emphatic in the desire to honor people

representing the wide and rich diversity of ACA's membership.

In your nomination submission, briefly:

- Describe the nominee's experience(s) in support of the counseling profession; and
- Describe how mentoring has played a significant role in this person's career and personal philosophy.

DON DINKMEYER SOCIAL INTEREST AWARD

Background and Purpose

The ACA award honoring 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 which benefit families or counselors working with families, including contributions through publishing, 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 has been 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, having had 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 it, briefly:

- Describe the programs or activities or accomplishments which you feel qualify the nominee for this award.
- Describe the influences the nominee's efforts have had on the population(s) it 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 contact information.

DR. JUDY LEWIS COUNSELORS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE 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. (\$500 honorarium)

This award is in honor of Dr. Judy Lewis who was 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

A person (or persons) who has engaged in social justice and advocacy with a minimum of at least 2 of the following component parts:

- Actively engaged in demonstrated social justice action which is 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, 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. Nomination letter of not more than three pages in length (additional appendices and exhibits are welcome). In it, briefly:

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

Statement from nominee should describe nominee's activities, projects, and engagements relevant to the criteria of this award.

GARRY R. WALZ TRAILBLAZER AWARD

Background and Purpose

Dr. Garry R. Walz is past director of the ERIC Counseling and Student Services Clearinghouse and a professor emeritus of the University of Michigan. He established the clearinghouse at the University of Michigan in 1966 and moved it to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1993, where it continued until 2004 when the U.S. Department of Education discontinued funding for all ERIC clearinghouses. He is currently CEO of Counseling Outfitters, LLC, and CAPS Press, LLC, and has authored and coauthored numerous books and articles. He also initiated and directed the ERIC/CASS Virtual Libraries, including the International Career Development Library (ICDL) and the Cybercounseling website (jointly hosted with ACA).

He is a past president of the American Counseling Association and the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, as well as a past chair of the Counseling and Human Development Foundation. He has been recognized through numerous awards including ACA's Gilbert and Kathleen Wrenn Humanitarian Award, the National Career Development Association's Eminent Professional Career Award, and ACA's Distinguished Professional Service Award.

A trailblazer is a pioneer that makes or points a new way to guide others. As noted above, Dr. Walz is such a person, blazing several new trails in the counseling profession.

This award includes an honorarium of \$1,000 and the award recipient will have the opportunity to present their trailblazing idea or concept at a session at the ACA annual conference.

Criteria and Requirements

The award should recognize someone who has:

- Developed an innovative program or practice that stands out in both originality and practicality, and has been validated through research or experience;
- Demonstrated a personal commitment to put it into practice;
- Been a professional or retired member of the American Counseling Association for at least five years.

Nomination Guidelines

The Selection Committee, which includes Garry Walz, is especially interested in recognizing individuals who exemplify a trailblazer in the counseling profession. One that has created an idea or concept that stands out both in originality and practicality and demonstrates a personal commitment to enact it. The Selection Committee is emphatic in the desire to honor people representing the wide and rich diversity of the American Counseling Association membership.

In your nomination submission, briefly:

- Describe the nominee's idea or concept;
- How the idea or concept was put into practice;
- The impact to the profession;
- A statement by the nominee about how they meet the specific criteria;
- At least three supporting letters of recommendation that address the specific criteria; and
- A curriculum vita of no more than four pages highlighting the nominee's relevant accomplishments.

GILBERT AND KATHLEEN WRENN AWARD FOR A HUMANITARIAN AND CARING PERSON

Background and Purpose

The Gilbert and Kathleen Wrenn Award for a Humanitarian and Caring Person honors an ACA member who gives to others without fanfare or expectation of reward other than the personal satisfaction of seeing other people made happier. The award includes an honorarium of \$1,000.

Dr. and Mrs. Wrenn provided the initial funding for this award as personal witness to their love and admiration for those who truly care for the welfare of others and who care about social issues and problems.

Criteria and Requirements

The thoughts and intentions of Dr. and Mrs. Wrenn in establishing the award are the principal guide in evaluating

award nominations:

"Caring is the action of the verb care—action, involvement, doing something about another's or society's troubles or problems. A humane and caring person becomes involved in what is happening to others for their sake. 'To have concern for,' and 'to be solicitous about' are synonyms for 'caring' and in a sense caring means 'the absence of indifference' and implies 'involuntary involvement' in the welfare of someone else.

"Caring is communicating that you care by saying so, giving time, and listening completely. It is rejoicing with another who is happy as well as being fully with another who is troubled and, accordingly, fitting to the other's mood. Caring is reinforcing another person. Being available fully, keeping promises, and giving of one's self without expectation of return. Caring is also empathizing with another while effecting a change in the other's feelings or behavior, not merely expressing concern.

"A humane and caring person expresses concern for social injustices or a sordid situation in our society or the world's society by throwing one's self into the situation—time, thoughtful effort, money, exemplary behavior and true concern for change that will improve the lot of those who are starving, abused, imprisoned, discriminated against or powerless.

"The person selected should have evidenced concern about human beings in special ways through caring behavior, documented and generally recognized by peers. The award should typically, but not invariably, be for a person concerned with all humans and their joint welfare, as well as caring for another or others in a personal way. The person selected will have been observed in unselfish involvement over time in a cause or situation that benefits others, not self. The person selected will have been effective in communicating their caring."

Nomination Guidelines

In your nomination submission, take into account the Wrenns' description of the criteria for the award and briefly:

- Describe the actions, incident(s) or behavior that illustrates the nominee's caring in a personal way.
- Describe the actions or incident(s) that illustrate the nominee's caring through social action.
- Describe how the nominee has been unselfishly involved in efforts that benefit others rather than self.
- Describe how the nominee effectively communicates his/her caring for others

GLEN E. HUBELE NATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

Background and Purpose

The Glen E. Hubele National Graduate Student Award recognizes outstanding scholarship by an ACA student member. Initial funding for the award was donated by Mrs. Cicely D. Hubele in honor of her son, Glen E. Hubele, who was a professor of educational psychology and guidance at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois. The award includes an honorarium of \$450.

Criteria and Requirements

To be eligible, the nominee must:

- Be a student pursuing a graduate degree in counseling at any time during the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
- Is nearing completion of an accepted thesis, dissertation, or original manuscript on issues related to the counseling profession.
- Include a two-page summary of the thesis, dissertation, or original manuscript.
- Include a letter from the advisor of the thesis, dissertation, or manuscript indicating the timeline for completion, quality of the research, status of project, and degree of contribution to the counseling profession.

Students may submit nominations on their own behalf or have their work submitted by a colleague or professor. Nomination submissions will be evaluated on the basis of the relevance and importance of the issue studied to the counseling profession, quality of scholarship, originality, applicability of findings or results, and adherence to proper style and source citation requirements.

Nomination Guidelines

In your nomination submission, briefly:

- Clearly indicate that the nominee is an enrolled candidate for a graduate degree in counseling at any time during the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.
- Explain why the research is of interest and importance to the counseling profession.
- Include a two-page summary of the thesis, dissertation, or original manuscript that demonstrates the scholarship of the nominee. Please indicate if the manuscript has been submitted and/or accepted for publication.

KITTY COLE HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

Background and Purpose

The Kitty Cole Human Rights Award honors an ACA member who has made significant contributions in one or more areas of the broad spectrum of human rights. The award is named in honor of Kitty Cole, who devoted her life to looking for opportunities to serve all populations who needed her talents.

Her interests were broad based, and included being a helper, counselor, teacher, community and church worker, as well as an active leader in the counseling and human development profession. It is the warm manner in which she pursued these many endeavors for which Kitty is also remembered. Nominations for this award will be assessed by members of the Human Rights Committee of ACA.

Criteria and Requirements

Nominees should have contributed to the field of human rights either through a special project, direct services, or their life's work and role. Nominees should have contributed a significant amount of time and effort to the area or project for which they were nominated, thus demonstrating a long-term commitment to the field of human rights.

Human rights contributions include, but are not limited to, services to people with special needs or disabilities, victims of abuse and neglect, minorities, the economically disadvantaged, or other underserved populations.

Human rights, far from being an abstract subject for the intellectual or philosopher, affect the daily lives of every person. Human rights are those rights that guarantee each individual the opportunity to live and participate fully and freely in society without fear or threat. Human rights are based on increasing demands in societies all over the world, for lives in which the inherent dignity and beauty of each human being will receive respect and protection.

Nomination Guidelines

In your nomination submission, briefly:

- Describe the incident(s) or behavior(s) that illustrate the nominee's contribution to human rights and explain why you believe the nominee merits this award.
- Describe the unusual effort and impact that illustrates the nominee's sustained commitment to human rights.

RALPH F. BERDIE MEMORIAL RESEARCH AWARD

Background and Purpose

Dr. and Mrs. E.G. Williamson established the Ralph F. Berdie Memorial Research Award as a memorial to their daughter, Janice Marie. The award is named for Dr. Berdie in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the profession of student affairs through leadership and sound research. The purpose of the award, which includes a grant of up to \$300, is to encourage and provide support for research in the area of college student affairs or related areas of counseling and education. Research projects are not limited to statistical and experimental projects, and may include conceptual, historical, and philosophical explorations and comparative appraisals.

Innovative and creative ideas potentially affecting directional changes in the field of counseling and college student personnel work shall receive primary consideration. Projects that relate to populations that might be served by college services may be considered.

Criteria and Requirements

The research project must:

- Answer questions and investigate ideas that are concerned with problems of interest and significance to college student affairs work and related phases of educational counseling.
- Address areas of interest to one or more of the ACA divisions and organizational affiliates.
- Be designed to generate findings applicable beyond the immediate setting.
- Make efficient and effective use of available funds.
- Have the potential to gain additional funding for longer-term research, if warranted.

Nomination Guidelines

In your nomination submission, briefly:

- Describe the nature of the research and clearly state the hypothesis (es) to be examined.
- Explain why the research is of interest and importance to the counseling profession.
- Describe the procedure and general design of the proposed study.
- Itemize the funds that are needed to conduct the research.
- Describe how additional funds will be obtained to support further exploration of the hypothesis (es), if warranted.

ROBERT H. RENCKEN EMERGING PROFESSIONAL LEADER AWARD

Background and Purpose

Dr. Robert H. Rencken, in addition to being a vital contributor to ACA, served as president of the Arizona Counseling Association and executive director of the Arizona Counseling Association for 14 years. He played a pivotal role in the creation of both the American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA) and the state division of AMHCA in Arizona and devoted much of his career to the advancement of counselor credentialing at the state and national levels.

Created in 2006, the Robert H. Rencken Emerging Professional Leader Award recognizes an ACA member who has demonstrated the potential to become a dedicated leader of the counseling profession in future years.

Criteria and Requirements

Nominees must:

- Have been an ACA state branch or state division president;
- Held at least one, but no more than three national ACA, division or region offices, board or committee chair positions;
- Have been a member of ACA for at least three years;
- Have shown ability as a new leader in the counseling profession;
- Have a master's degree in counseling or closely related profession.

Nomination Guidelines

In your nomination submission, briefly:

- Describe some examples of the nominee's association leadership at local, state, or national levels.
- Explain how this leadership relates to the advancement of the counseling profession in general or to one or more of ACA's division or organizational affiliates.

SAMUEL T. GLADDING UNSUNG HEROES AWARD

Background and Purpose

Sam Gladding, former ACA President and past Trustee of the ACA Foundation, has always advocated for professional counselors who provide direct services to students and clients. He believes their work is often overlooked and seldom recognized. Dr. Gladding refers to these dedicated individuals as Unsung Heroes.

Dr. Gladding and his wife, Claire, donated the initial funding that would recognize those professional counselors providing direct services. In 2014, the ACA Foundation Board of Trustees approved a new award and voted to establish the Samuel T. Gladding Unsung Heroes Award. The awardee will be acknowledged annually at the ACA conference. The award includes a \$1000 honorarium.

Criteria and Requirements

- Nominator must be an ACA member.

To be eligible, a nominee must:

- Be a current ACA member.
- Be licensed as a professional counselor.
- Have been in the counseling profession for over 5 years.
- Work currently as a full-time practitioner (school, mental health, rehabilitation, etc.) providing direct services to clients or students.
- Have not previously received state, division, regional or national awards or recognition from a counseling association more than once.

Nomination Guidelines

In the nominations submission:

- Include a one-page summary explaining why the nominee would be a good choice to receive the Unsung Heroes Award. Include examples that distinguish this individual in regard to their direct service work.
- Dr. Gladding's vision is to recognize and celebrate a counselor who does not draw attention to himself or herself but who works for the good of others, someone who contributes his/her talents to their community and who is not generally recognized for his/her counseling work. Please address how the nominee meets these qualifications in the one-page summary.

THOMAS J. SWEENEY AWARD FOR VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY

Background and Purpose

The Thomas J. Sweeney Award for Visionary Leadership and Advocacy is given in honor of the lifetime contributions of Dr. Sweeney to the counseling profession. This award of \$500 is presented to a professional counselor or counselor educator in recognition of career contributions to the counseling profession through leadership and advocacy.

Thomas J. Sweeney is a visionary leader who served as ACA President and President of two divisions (ACES and IAMFC, for which he served as founding president); he served on the Executive Board of two additional divisions. He served as Chair of the CACREP Board of Directors, and established Chi Sigma Iota (CSI), the Counseling Honor Society International. He was also a branch officer and Southern

Region Chair. His professional career as a counselor, counselor educator, and CSI Executive Director was dedicated to promoting excellence within the counseling profession.

Criteria and Requirements

To be eligible, the nominee must:

- Be a professional member of the American Counseling Association at the time of the nomination;
- Be a member of at least one ACA Division at the time of the nomination;
- Be an active member of Chi Sigma Iota at the time of the nomination;
- Demonstrate a strong identity as a professional counselor, as evidenced by a terminal degree in counseling, preferably from a CACREP accredited program and appropriate credentials (e.g., LPC, NCC); and
- Have demonstrated through independent work a career commitment of at least 20 years to issues of professional leadership and advocacy to promote the profession of counseling. Such advocacy work may occur at the national, regional, and/or state/local level.

Nominees will be evaluated on the basis of their overall body of work in support of the counseling profession.

Nomination Guidelines

In your nomination submission:

- Include a 2 page summary that provides documentation of the nominee's sustained leadership and advocacy work; describe the impact these activities have had on the counseling profession.