

## **South Carolina Counseling Association Awards**

### **Call for Nominations**

Deadline: Sunday, December 15, 2020

57th Annual SCCA Conference “Finding Our Focus” Awards

Greetings from your SCCA Awards Co-Chairs!

Many of you may know counselors and/or administrators who do an outstanding job and deserve recognition. Please look over the list of categories on our website for nominations and consider nominating one of your colleagues.

The award nominations should include:

1. A letter of support, limited to one page, summarizing the recommendation, and supporting documentation.
2. A page listing the essential demographic information of the nominee, including education level, sponsors, name of person responsible to see that the nominee is available, and a listing of outstanding contributions relevant to the particular award; and,
3. A listing of significant positions held, honors and recognitions, memberships, publications and/or creations.

The 2020-2021 awards nominations are due by Sunday, December 15, 2020.

Thanks!

Dr. Sheila Witherspoon

Dr. Aubrey Sejuit

Kindly nominate a candidate for one of the awards listed below in one of the eight categories:

1. **Outstanding Counselor Award:** This award is designed to recognize meritorious and exemplary service as a counselor. The recipient must be a current member of SCCA. The recognized meritorious service should reflect contributions and service in the primary role as a counselor or closely related helping professional.

2. **Outstanding Administrator Award:** This award is designed to recognize outstanding service in the recipient's role as an administrator, which has had profound and lasting impact on the counseling and helping profession. While administrators from within the profession are obvious potential nominees, qualifications and experience as a counselor are not prerequisites to nomination.

3. **Distinguished Professional Service Award:** This award is designed to recognize outstanding service to promote the counseling profession. The recipient must be a current member of SCCA or have been an active member of SCCA for at least five consecutive years. The recognized service should show prolonged accomplishments.

4. **Geraldine Brantley Humanitarian Award:** This award is designed to recognize a person who demonstrates exceptional caring for humanity without exception or reward. The recipient must be both personally and professionally committed to humanitarian service.

5. **Pioneer Award:** This award is designed to recognize outstanding service to the profession and the general public over a relatively long time or for service rendered in the earlier years of the profession and/or SCCA. The recipient should have been recognized as a counselor or helping professional at the time of the "pioneer service."

6. **Legislative Award:** This award is designed to recognize a member of the state or national legislative branch of government who has made a substantial impact on the field of counseling.

7. **Human Rights Award:** This award is designed to recognize a counselor or helping professional who has demonstrated leadership and made major contributions in the area of human rights in South Carolina.

8. **Mrs. Harriet Gardin Fields and Mrs. Candice Bates-Quinn SCCA Graduate Student Memorial Award:** This award is designed to recognize a current graduate student who is reaching the counseling community by her/his advocacy, engagement in activities related to the South Carolina Counseling Association (i.e., service on the SCCA board, presentations, and volunteer) or impact on the counseling profession. The Mrs. Harriet Gardin Fields and Mrs. Candice Bates Quinn scholarship program awards one scholarship to graduate students in Counseling Programs who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership and community involvement.

Nominations for the SCCA Graduate Student Memorial Awards require supporting materials. For detailed information about the nomination process, please complete the application information below. The SCCA Graduate Student Memorial Award will be presented at the SCCA Award Luncheon during the SCCA Annual Conference in Hilton Head Island, SC on Friday, February 19, 2021. Award recipients and their nominators will receive an invitation to attend the SCCA

Awards Luncheon at the conference. In addition, award recipients and their accomplishments will be featured in the SCCA conference program book and on the website. The Memorial Award includes a \$500.00 scholarship which includes: a SCCA membership, a SCCA Conference Registration, Thursday and Friday hotel accommodations, travel, and meals for the 57th SCCA Annual Conference. Award decisions are based on the criteria and requirement outlined in the Nomination Application.

Thank you,

Co-Chairs of Awards Nomination Committee

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