

2017-2018 AHC NATIONAL AWARDS

NOMINATION PACKET

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About Association for Humanistic Counseling National Awards

Each year, the Association for Humanistic Counseling (AHC) Awards and Grant Committee recognizes and celebrates the achievements of AHC members and other professionals who have distinguished themselves through their humanistic work. The AHC awards committee celebrates the humanistic accomplishments and contributions of counselors by having numerous competitive award categories available. Information about each award and its nomination process is included in this packet.

Nominations for an AHC national award may be made by any AHC member as well as any non-member based on the individual requirements outlined for the award.

For the 2017-2018 AHC national awards, all nominations must be emailed to the awards co-chairs by December 31, 2017. Please ensure each document required is fully completed and attached to a single email. Nominations cannot be received via fax. Please scan items and include them as an attachment as needed. The awards chair for 2017-2018 is Alyssa Swan. Our email address is ahcawardsandgrants@yahoo.com.

The 2017-2018 AHC National Awards recipients will be recognized at the AHC Awards Meeting at the 2018 ACA Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition, award recipients and their accomplishments will be featured in Counseling Today and InfoChange, our AHC newsletter. The decisions for the award recipients are based on the criteria and requirements outlined in this packet per award. The chairs of the AHC awards committee will notify nominees and nominators of the outcome by late January 2018.

2017-2018 AHC National Awards Summary

Humanistic Leadership Award: The Humanistic Leadership Award was established to recognize an AHC member who served AHC for a several years and provided leadership to the organization.

Past President's Award: The Past President's Award is to recognize the service, dedication, and accomplishments of past AHC presidents.

Past Editor's Award: Past Editors of the Journal of Humanistic Counseling are recognized for their service and dedication in keeping our journal quality high and its leadership for our field strong.

Humanistic Clinician Award: The Humanistic Clinician Award was established to recognize a clinician who holds a notable humanistic philosophy of counseling that resulted in an impact on the community or clients.

Distinguished Journal Reviewer Award: The Distinguished Journal Reviewer Award was established to recognize a journal reviewer for *J-HCEAD* who provides timely and high-quality reviews.

Humanistic Educator/Supervisor Award: The Humanistic Educator/Supervisor Award was established to recognize an AHC member who demonstrates a humanistic philosophy of teaching or supervision, resulting in a significant impact on the development of students / new professionals through teaching, advising, supervision, and/or mentoring.

Humanistic Impact Award: The Humanistic Impact Award was established to recognize a professional who, throughout a long-term career, has made a significant and long-lasting impact on the counseling profession, especially through educating counselors and/or producing research and scholarship that upholds humanistic values.

Humanistic Advocacy and Social Justice Award: The Humanistic Advocacy and Social Justice Award was established to recognize a AHC member who has served as a significant advocate for social justice issues.

Humanistic Dissertation Award: The Outstanding Humanistic Dissertation Award honors a counseling graduate student, who is a member of AHC, and who wrote an outstanding dissertation with central and salient humanistic content, and successfully defended the dissertation during the designated time frame for this award year.

The Joe and Lucille Hollis Publication Award: The Hollis Award recognizes leadership and expertise in publishing in the counseling field. This award honors an AHC member or members who have made significant contributions to publishing in the counseling field that is relevant to the humanistic philosophy in counseling.

Make a Difference Grant: This grant supports graduate research with a humanistic philosophy, by students in a counseling program, which will make a difference for the population under study. The awarding of the grant is based on the humanistic characteristics and quality of the project as described in application.

Humanistic Leadership Award

Background and Purpose

The Humanistic Leadership Award was established to recognize an AHC member who served AHC for a several years and provided leadership to the organization.

Criteria and Requirements

To be nominated for this award, the nominee's leadership efforts must be deemed to be significant to the mission and purpose of AHC. The nominee must also be an AHC member.

The nomination may be made by colleagues or oneself. The nominator must be an AHC member.

The nomination is reviewed by the AHC executive board and not the awards committee. A worthy nominee will be recognized by the board. The board reserves the right to not recognize an award recipient if a worthy nomination is not received.

Nomination Guidelines

Please submit the following documents to nominate a person for this award:

- Submit a Completed Nomination Form
- Submit a copy of the nominee's vita that documents humanistic leadership efforts

Recognition

The recipient of this award will be recognized at the AHC awards and business meeting at the 2018 ACA Annual Conference in Atlanta. The award recipient and his or her accomplishments will also be featured on the AHC webpage and newsletter. The decisions for the award recipients are based on the criteria and requirements that are outlined above.

Deadline for Submission

December 31, 2017

Past President's Award

Background and Purpose

The Past President's Award is to recognize the service, dedication, and accomplishments of past AHC presidents.

Criteria and Requirements

This award is granted as a president transitions into his or her role of past-president.

Nomination Guidelines

Nomination is not required for this award and no vote is needed.

Recognition

The recipient of this award will be recognized at the AHC awards and business meeting during the 2018 ACA Annual Conference in Atlanta. The award recipient and his or her accomplishments will be featured in InfoChange - AHC's newsletter, and on our AHC webpage. The decisions for the award recipients are based on the criteria and requirements that are outlined above.

Deadline for Submission

N/A

Past Editor's Award

Background and Purpose

Past Editors of the Journal of Humanistic Counseling are recognized for their service and dedication in keeping our journal quality high and its leadership for our field strong.

Criteria and Requirements

This award is normally granted as an editor transitions into her or his role as past-editor.

Nomination Guidelines

Nomination is not required for this award and no vote is needed.

Recognition

The recipient of this award will be recognized at the AHC awards and business meeting during the 2018 ACA Annual Conference in Atlanta. The award recipient and her or his accomplishments will be featured in InfoChange - AHC's newsletter, and on our AHC webpage. The decisions for the award recipient are based on the criteria and requirements that are outlined above.

Deadline for Submission: N/A

Humanistic Clinician Award

Background and Purpose

The Humanistic Clinician Award was established to recognize a clinician who holds a notable humanistic philosophy of counseling that resulted in an impact on the community or clients.

Criteria and Requirements

To be nominated for this award, the nominee's humanistic philosophy of counseling must be deemed to have resulted in an impact on the community or clients. The nominee may or may not be an AHC member.

The nomination may be made by colleagues, clients, or oneself. The nominator may or may not be an AHC member.

The nomination is reviewed by the awards committee. A worthy nominee will be recognized by the awards committee. The awards committee reserves the right to not recognize an award recipient in a given year, if a worthy nomination is not received that year.

Nomination Guidelines

Please submit the following documents to nominate a person for this award:

- Submit a Completed Nomination Form
- The nominator will submit a 1-2-page nomination letter that outlines the nominee's humanistic philosophy of counseling and impact on the community or clients.

Recognition

The recipient of this award will be recognized at the AHC awards and business meeting at the 2018 ACA Annual Conference in Atlanta. The award recipient and accomplishments will also be featured on the AHC webpage and newsletter. The decisions for the award recipients are based on the criteria and requirements that are outlined above.

Deadline for Submission

December 31, 2017

Distinguished Journal Reviewer Award

Background and Purpose

The Distinguished Journal Reviewer Award was established to recognize a journal reviewer for *JHC* who provides timely and especially high-quality reviews.

Criteria and Requirements

To be nominated for this award, the nominee must be a reviewer for *JHC* and have a record of timely and high-quality reviews. The nominee must be an AHC member.

This nomination can only be made by the *JHC* Editor and Editorial Staff.

The nomination is reviewed by the awards committee. A worthy nominee will be recognized by the awards committee. The awards committee reserves the right to not recognize an award recipient in a given year, if a worthy nomination is not received that year.

Nomination Guidelines

Please submit the following documents to nominate a person for this award:

- Submit a Completed Nomination Form
- The nominator will submit a record of timely and high-quality reviews.

Recognition

The recipient of this award will be recognized at the AHC awards and business meeting at the 2018 ACA Annual Conference in Atlanta. The award recipient and his or her accomplishments will also be featured on the AHC webpage and newsletter. The decisions for the award recipients are based on the criteria and requirements that are outlined above.

Deadline for Submission

December 31, 2017

Humanistic Educator/Supervisor Award

Background and Purpose

The Humanistic Educator/Supervisor Award was established to recognize an AHC member who demonstrates a humanistic philosophy of teaching or supervision, resulting in a significant impact on the development of students / new professionals through teaching, advising, supervision, and/or mentoring.

Criteria and Requirements

To be nominated for this award, the nominee must be a counselor educator and/or counseling supervisor with a history of incorporating a humanistic philosophy into his or her work, which results in a significant impact on students, supervisees, or mentees. The nominee must be an AHC member.

The nomination may be made by colleagues, students, supervisees, mentees, or one self. The nominator may or may not be an AHC member.

The nomination is reviewed by the awards committee. A worthy nominee will be recognized by the awards committee. The awards committee reserves the right to not recognize an award recipient in a given year, if a worthy nomination is not received that year.

Nomination Guidelines

Please submit the following documents to nominate a person for this award:

- Submit a Completed Nomination Form
- The nominator will submit a 1-2-page nomination letter that outlines the nominee's humanistic philosophy of teaching or supervision and impact on students / new professionals.

Recognition

The recipient of this award will be recognized at the AHC awards and business meeting at the 2018 ACA Annual Conference in Atlanta. The award recipient and his or her accomplishments will also be featured on the AHC webpage and newsletter. The decisions for the award recipients are based on the criteria and requirements that are outlined above.

Deadline for Submission

December 31, 2017

Humanistic Impact Award

Background and Purpose

The Humanistic Impact Award was established to recognize a professional who, throughout a long-term career, has made a significant and long-lasting impact on the counseling profession, especially through educating counselors and/or producing research and scholarship that upholds humanistic values.

Criteria and Requirements

To be nominated for this award, the nominee must be a counselor educator and/or scholar with a history of making a significant humanistic impact on the counseling profession through counselor education or scholarship. The nominee may or may not be an AHC member.

The nomination may be made by colleagues, students, supervisees, mentees, clients, or one self. The nominator may or may not be an AHC member.

The nomination is reviewed by the awards committee. A worthy nominee will be recognized by the awards committee. The awards committee reserves the right to not recognize an award recipient in a given year, if a worthy nomination is not received that year.

Nomination Guidelines

Please submit the following documents to nominate a person for this award:

- Submit a Completed Nomination Form
- The nominator will submit a 1-2 page nomination letter that outlines evidence of the nominee's *lasting* impact on the profession through a long-term career in educating counselors / counselor educators to have a strong foundation and enthusiasm for humanistic values and/or research/scholarship that support humanistic approaches.

Recognition

The recipient of this award will be recognized at the AHC awards and business meeting at the 2018 ACA Annual Conference in Atlanta. The award recipient and his or her accomplishments will also be featured on the AHC webpage and newsletter. The decisions for the award recipients are based on the criteria and requirements that are outlined above.

Deadline for Submission

December 31, 2017

Humanistic Advocacy and Social Justice Award

Background and Purpose

The Humanistic Advocacy and Social Justice Award was established to recognize a AHC member who has served as a significant advocate for social justice issues.

Criteria and Requirements

To be nominated for this award, the nominee must have a history of being an advocate for social justice. The nominee must be an AHC member.

The nomination may be made by colleagues, students, supervisees, mentees, clients, or ones self. The nominator may or may not be an AHC member.

The nomination is reviewed by the awards committee. A worthy nominee will be recognized by the awards committee. The awards committee reserves the right to not recognize an award recipient in a given year, if a worthy nomination is not received in a given year that year.

Nomination Guidelines

Please submit the following documents to nominate a person for this award:

- Submit a Completed Nomination Form
- The nominator will submit a 1-2 page nomination letter that outlines evidence of the nominee's significant advocacy or social justice efforts.

Recognition

The recipient of this award will be recognized at the AHC awards and business meeting at the 2018 ACA Annual Conference in Atlanta. The award recipient and his or her accomplishments will also be featured on the AHC webpage and newsletter. The decisions for the award recipients are based on the criteria and requirements that are outlined above.

Deadline for Submission

December 31, 2017

Humanistic Dissertation Award

Background and Purpose

The Outstanding Humanistic Dissertation Award honors a counseling graduate student who is a member of AHC, wrote a dissertation with central and salient humanistic content, and successfully defended the dissertation during the designated time frame for this award year.

Criteria and Requirements

To be nominated for this award, the nominee must have completed a dissertation with central and salient humanistic content. The dissertation must have been defended from Fall 2017 and Fall 2018 semesters. The nominee must be an AHC member.

The student or graduate may be nominated by his or her doctoral committee chair. The nominator may or may not be an AHC member.

The nomination is reviewed by the awards committee. A worthy nominee will be recognized by the awards committee. The awards committee reserves the right to not recognize an award recipient in a given year, if a worthy nomination is not received that year.

Nomination Guidelines

Please submit the following documents to nominate a person for this award:

- Submit a Completed Nomination Form
- Submit the final copy of the nominee's dissertation.
- The nominator will submit a 1-2 page nomination letter that outlines evidence of the central and salient humanistic content included in the dissertation. Brevity, clarity, and specificity are most important here.

Please reference the following article for an explanation for the AHC definition of humanistic content.

Scholl, M. B. (2008). Preparing manuscripts with central and salient humanistic content. *Journal of Humanistic Counseling, Education, and Development*, 48, 3-8.

Recognition

The recipient of this award will be recognized at the AHC awards and business meeting at the 2018 ACA Annual Conference in Atlanta. The award recipient and his or her accomplishments will also be featured on the AHC webpage and newsletter. The decisions for the award recipients are based on the criteria and requirements that are outlined above.

Deadline for Submission

December 31, 2017

The Joe and Lucille Hollis Publications Award

Background and Purpose

The Joe and Lucille Hollis Award was established in 1985 to recognize leadership and expertise in publishing in the counseling field. The Hollis Award honors an AHC member or members who have demonstrated leadership and expertise in publishing in the counseling field, relevant to the humanistic philosophy in counseling.

Joseph Hollis was one of the great leaders establishing in counseling as a profession from the 1960's on. He was also one of the founders of the Counseling Association for Humanistic Education and Development – one of the founding divisions of ACA – now known as the Association for Humanistic Counseling.

Dr. Hollis was passionate about publications that build the counseling profession. He is author of more than 10 books, plus numerous articles and chapters, including his seminal book, *Counselor Preparation*. He was instrumental in helping his many students and mentees publish as well. One of his mentees, Howard Rosenthal, described Joe as a hero to the counseling profession, explaining, "Many people live their entire lives and never have the good fortune to meet an individual with the vision and integrity that is radiated by Dr. Joseph Hollis." It is our honor to carry on his tradition in at least a small way with the Joe and Lucille Hollis Award.

Criteria and Requirements

To be nominated for this award, the nominee must be a counselor or counselor educator and/or scholar who has made significant contributions to publishing in the counseling field that is relevant to the humanistic philosophy in counseling. The nomination may be made by colleagues, students, supervisees, mentees, clients, or one self. The nominator may or may not be an AHC member.

The nomination is reviewed by the awards committee. A worthy nominee will be recognized by the awards committee. The awards committee reserves the right to not recognize an award recipient in a given year, if a worthy nomination is not received that year.

Nomination Guidelines

Please submit the following documents to nominate a person for this award:

- Submit a Completed Nomination Form
- The nominator will submit a 1-2 page nomination letter that outlines evidence of the nominee's significant contribution(s) to publishing in the counseling field that is relevant to the humanistic philosophy in counseling.

Recognition

The recipient of this award will be recognized at the AHC awards and business meeting at the 2018 ACA Annual Conference in Atlanta. The award recipient and his or her accomplishments will also be featured on the AHC webpage and newsletter. The decisions for the award recipients are based on the criteria and requirements that are outlined above.

Deadline for Submission

December 31, 2017

Make a Difference Grant

Background and Purpose

This grant supports graduate research with a humanistic philosophy, by students in a counseling program, which will make a difference for the population under study. The grant includes \$750 funding to support the top rated research project among each year's applicants.

Criteria and Requirements

The awarding of the grant is based on the humanistic characteristics and quality of the project as described in the application and reviewed by the Make a Difference Grant Committee. The application and list of required supporting documents can be found at <http://afhc.camp9.org/>

Nomination Guidelines

Graduate student researchers can self nominate or can be recommended by others. If nominated by others, the graduate student researcher will need to complete the application materials to facilitate a fair comparison to other applicants/nominees.

Recognition

The grant recipient of this award will be recognized at the AHC Awards Ceremony Town Hall at the 2018 ACA Annual Conference in Atlanta. The grant recipient and accomplishments will also be featured in the AHC newsletter, on the AHC webpage, and in other announcements.

Deadline for Submission

Completed applications are due December 31, 2017

Nomination Form for AHC Awards

Nominator Information

Name of Nominator: _____

Title: _____

School/Workplace of Nominator: _____

Nominator Address w/ Zip Code: _____

Nominator's Phone: _____ Nominator's Email: _____

Nominee Information

Award Category: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Title: _____

School/Workplace of Nominator: _____

Nominee Address w/ Zip Code: _____

Nominee's Phone: _____ Nominee's Email: _____

The Association for Humanistic Counseling is pleased to announce:

The 2017-2018 MAKE A DIFFERENCE GRANT

The Association for Humanistic Counseling (AHC) invites applications for the Make a Difference Research Grant. This grant supports graduate research with a humanistic philosophy, by students in a counseling program, which will make a difference for the population under study. The awarding of the grant is based on the humanistic characteristics and quality of the project as described in the application.

The top rated applicant award includes:

- ◆ \$750 for research related expenses
- ◆ a certificate of recognition presented at the AHC Town Hall & Awards Presentations at the ACA 2018 Annual Conference
- ◆ acknowledgement of the research award on the AHC website, the AHC newsletter, InfoChange, and other appropriate venues
- ◆ an invitation to speak about the research at the AHC Town Hall & Awards Presentations the ACA 2018 Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.
- ◆ an invitation to prepare a manuscript for consideration by the AHC journal – *The Journal of Humanistic Counseling*
- ◆ an invitation to propose a presentation related to the research at the AHC annual conference

In years in which it is particularly difficult to identify a single top-rated applicant, we try to at least recognize the excellent work of our 2nd to highest ranked applicant. Such recognition may include:

- ◆ honorable mention and certificate of recognition presented at the AHC Town Hall & Awards Presentations at the ACA 2018 Annual Conference
- ◆ acknowledgement of the research project's excellence on the AHC website, in InfoChange, and other appropriate venues
- ◆ encouragement to prepare a manuscript for consideration by the AHC journal – *The Journal of Humanistic Counseling*
- ◆ encouragement to propose a presentation related to the research at the AHC annual conference.

Applicants should complete and submit the electronic application along with supporting documentation by **December 31st, 2017**. The recipient of the 2018 Make a Difference Grant will be announced by late February, 2018 and the grant will be presented at the AHC Town Hall & Awards Presentations at the ACA 2018 Annual Conference in Atlanta.

Criteria, application guidance and form follow.

To qualify for a grant you must meet the following criteria:

- (1) The applicant must be a graduate student (masters or doctoral program) in counseling
- (2) The proposed research must support or encourage humanistic values or principles. Visit the AHC website for clarification on the humanistic philosophy: <http://afhc.camp9.org/>
- (3) The research will make a difference, or result in counselors making a difference, in the lives of the population under study
- (4) The research proposal must be approved by the Applicant's graduate faculty supervisor
- (5) The project should have Human Subjects, Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval

or

- (5) Letter from graduate faculty supervisor expressing confidence in IRB approval at the applicant's/faculty supervisor's home institution, with the expectation that there will be very few changes in topic or methods as proposed (i.e., that the project will earn IRB approval remaining substantially as proposed). This letter does not have to be extensive. Often a paragraph would do.

The application materials should consist of:

- (1) Completed Make a Difference Grant application form with information from the applicant and the faculty supervisor.
- (2) A no more than 1000-word summary of the proposed research including rationale, hypotheses, research design, and procedure.
- (3) Proposed budget
- (4) A brief, no more than 500 words, description of how the research will promote humanistic philosophy and will make a difference for the persons in need.
- (5) Curriculum vita
- (6) Documentation of IRB approval **or** confident expectation of approval by faculty supervisor as noted in letter (see criteria item 5 above).

Association for Humanistic Counseling

2018 MAKE A DIFFERENCE GRANT APPLICATION

- ❖ Mission: To support graduate student research in counseling that supports the humanistic philosophy and provides a significant, tangible benefit for the population under study.

Last Name						First			Date			
Street Address												
City				State			Zip					
Phone			E-mail									
Name of Faculty Supervisor					School Attending							
Phone of Faculty Supervisor					Email of Faculty Supervisor							
Department Name						Year in Program						
Degree Pursuing												
Are you a member of the American Counseling Association			YES <input type="checkbox"/>		NO <input type="checkbox"/>		Are you a member of AHC?			YES <input type="checkbox"/>		NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<small>Preference will be given to applicants who are members of these organizations</small> Has study received Human Subjects approval at your institution? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Expected: see letter from faculty supervisor <input type="checkbox"/>												

RESEARCH PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Name of Research

Total Amount Needed (Itemized Budget should be attached.)

When will the research begin? (Preference given to current projects)

<i>Disclaimer and Signature</i>	
I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.	
Applicant Signature	Date

Documents that should be submitted with the application by **December 31, 2017:**

1. a completed Make a Difference Grant Application form (above) with information from the applicant and the faculty supervisor
2. 1000 word maximum summary of the proposed research including rationale, hypotheses, research design, and procedures
3. proposed budget
4. a brief (500 word maximum) description of how the proposed research promotes humanistic philosophy and will make a difference for the persons represented in the study
5. a curriculum vita
6. documentation of Human Subjects – Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval **or** letter addressing expectation of IRB approval from faculty supervisor (this letter does not need to be extensive – in most cases, a paragraph will do).

Deadline for Submission

December 31, 2017