

2019-2020 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 is included in this packet.

The 2019-2020 AHC National Awards recipients will be recognized at the AHC Awards Meeting at the 2020 AHC Annual Conference. (Please note: This is a change from previous years when the awards ceremony took place at the American Counseling Association national conference). 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 award recipients by early December 2019.

All nominations must be emailed to the awards co-chairs by November 15, 2019. 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 co-chairs for 2019-2020 are Katie Purswell and Julia Whisenhunt. The committee email address is ahcawardsandgrant@gmail.com.

Nomination Checklist:

- Nominee is an AHC member
- Nominator fits category of nominator type as described in award
- Nomination letter that thoroughly addresses
 - Criteria for the award
 - Nominee's demonstration of humanistic values (see the [Philosophy](#) section of the AHC website)
- Nomination form has been completed
- Supporting documents (if required) are attached

Unless otherwise stated, nominations are reviewed by the awards committee. The awards committee reserves the right to not recognize an award/grant recipient in a given year, if an outstanding nomination for a given category is not received that year.

All questions and inquiries can be addressed to the Awards and Grant Committee co-chairs, Katie Purswell and Julia Whisenhunt at ahcawardsandgrant@gmail.com.

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: _____

PART 1: AWARDS OPEN TO ALL AHC MEMBERS

Humanistic Clinician Award

Description and Requirements

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. To be nominated for this award, the nominee's humanistic philosophy of counseling must be demonstrated to have resulted in an impact on the community or clients.

Nominee: AHC member.

Nominator: Self or colleague(s); AHC member(s)

Nomination Guidelines

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

- Completed Nomination Form
- The 1-2-page nomination letter should outline the nominee's humanistic philosophy of counseling and impact on the community or clients.
- Please refer to page 3 for deadlines and a nomination checklist

Humanistic Educator/Supervisor Award

Description and Requirements

The Humanistic Educator/Supervisor Award was established to recognize an AHC member who demonstrates a humanistic philosophy of teaching and/or supervision, resulting in a significant impact on the development of students/new professionals through teaching, advising, supervision, and/or mentoring. The nomination letter and an optional supporting document, such as a teaching philosophy, should demonstrate this commitment to humanistic values.

Nominee: AHC member

Nominator: Self or colleague(s); AHC member(s)

Nomination Guidelines

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

- Completed Nomination Form
- The 1-2-page nomination letter should outline the nominee's humanistic philosophy of teaching or supervision and impact on students/new professionals
- Optional: One supporting document (e.g. teaching philosophy, sample class assignment)

Humanistic Impact Award

Description and Requirements

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. The nomination letter and vita must provide evidence of a sustained and significant humanistic impact on the counseling profession through counselor education or scholarship.

Nominee: AHC member

Nominator: Self, colleague(s), students, supervises, mentees, clients; may or may not be AHC member

Nomination Guidelines

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

- Completed Nomination Form
- The a 1-2 page nomination letter should outline 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.
- Vita of nominee
- Please refer to page 3 for deadlines and a nomination checklist

Humanistic Advocacy and Social Justice Award

Description and Requirements

The Humanistic Advocacy and Social Justice Award was established to recognize an AHC member who has served as a significant advocate for social justice issues. This member has additionally demonstrated a history of commitment to issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Nominee: AHC member

Nominator: Colleagues, students, supervisees, mentees, clients, self; may or may not be AHC member

Nomination Guidelines

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

- Completed Nomination Form

- The 1-2 page nomination letter should outline evidence of the nominee's significant advocacy or social justice efforts.
- Please refer to page 3 for deadlines and a nomination checklist

Humanistic Dissertation Award

Description and Requirements

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. The dissertation must have been defended between August 2018 and November 15, 2019.

Nominee: AHC member; doctoral student in time period above

Nominator: Dissertation committee chair

Nomination Guidelines

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

- Completed Nomination Form
- Final copy of the nominee's dissertation abstract
- The 1-2 page nomination letter should outline evidence of the central and salient humanistic content included in the dissertation. Brevity, clarity, and specificity are most important here.
- Please refer to page 3 for deadlines and a nomination checklist

Special Instructions: Please reference the following article for an explanation for the AHC definition of humanistic content in manuscripts.

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

The Joe and Lucille Hollis Publications Award

Background

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.

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.

Nominee: AHC member(s)

Nominator type: colleagues, students, supervisees, mentees, clients, self

Nomination Guidelines

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

- Completed Nomination Form
- The 1-2 page nomination letter should outline evidence of the nominee's significant contribution(s) to publishing in the counseling field and how it is relevant to the humanistic philosophy in counseling.
- Please refer to page 3 for deadlines and a nomination checklist

PART 2: RESTRICTED AWARDS

Humanistic Leadership Award

Description and Requirements

The Humanistic Leadership Award was established to recognize an AHC member who served AHC for a several years and provided leadership to the organization. The nomination letter should show how the nominee's leadership efforts have contributed in a significant way to the mission and purpose of AHC.

Nominee: AHC member.

Nominator Type: Self or colleague(s); AHC member(s)

Special Information: 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:

- Completed Nomination Form
- Nomination letter describing how the nominee meets the award criteria
- Nominee's vita documenting humanistic leadership efforts
- Please refer to page 3 for deadlines and a nomination checklist

Past President's Award

Description and Requirements

The Past President's Award is to recognize the service, dedication, and accomplishments of past AHC presidents. This award is granted as a president transitions into his or her role of past-president.

Special Information:

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

Past Editor's Award

Description and Requirements

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. This award is normally granted as an editor transitions into the role of past-editor.

Special Information

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

Distinguished Journal Reviewer Award

Description and Requirements

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

Nominee: Reviewer for *JHC*; AHC member.

Nominator: *JHC* Editor and Editorial Staff.

Nomination Guidelines

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

- Completed Nomination Form
- Nomination letter should demonstrate record of timely and high-quality reviews
- Please refer to page 3 for deadlines and nomination checklist

PART 3: MAKE A DIFFERENCE GRANT

Description

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 AHC 2020 Annual Conference (Please note the change from previous years)
- ◆ acknowledgement of the research award in the AHC newsletter, InfoChange, and other appropriate venues
- ◆ an invitation to speak about the research at the AHC Town Hall & Awards Presentations the AHC 2020 Annual Conference (Please note the change from past years).
- ◆ 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 AHC 2020 Annual Conference
- ◆ acknowledgement of the research project's excellence 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.

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

2020 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)

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature	Date
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Documents that should be submitted with the application by **November 15, 2019:**

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).