

The GCCA Award Nomination Process
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It is now the time of year when the GCCA Council begins to accept nominations for Annual Awards. We thought it might be helpful to answer some of the most commonly asked questions about the award nomination process.

1. What are the award categories?

There are seven different types of awards given each year at the annual conference. These awards were developed to recognize the many achievements of our GCCA members. The seven award categories are as follows:

- **Advocacy Award** – this award is given for demonstrated advocacy of college counseling services or to an organization which has made a significant contribution to the improvement of college counseling services.
- **Professional Leadership Award**- is given for demonstrated leadership in some aspect of college counseling and/or GCCA
- **Outstanding Professional Contribution Award**- this award is given for a demonstrated contribution to the advancement of college counseling theory and/or practice by means of a dissertation/thesis/, publication, or scholarly presentation
- **Counselor of the Year Award**- this award recognizes clinical excellence and/or meritorious service in college counseling
- **Clinical Program of the Year Award**- this award recognizes the development and implementation of a unique clinical program or group for college students
- **Meritorious Graduate student Award**- this award recognizes meritorious service by a graduate student to the profession of college counseling and/or GCCA
- **College Counseling Director of the Year Award**- this award recognizes excellence as a College Counseling Center director

2. How are nominations solicited?

Any GCCA member can nominate another GCCA member for an award. It is a wonderful way to recognize the exceptional work of a colleague or supervisor. In addition, letters are sent to all College Counseling Center Directors and Vice Presidents of Student Services in each region explaining the nomination categories, the award process and asking for nominations.

3. Do you have to be a GCCA member to receive an award?

All award categories require active GCCA membership except the “Advocacy for College Counseling Award” which can recognize an individual or an organization.

4. Can you be nominated or nominate someone for more than one category?

Absolutely!

5. Can someone receive an award more than once?

Yes. There are no limitations as to how many times an individual can win an award.

6. How are the winners selected?

All nominations receive a rigorous review by the GCCA Executive Council Members. Each Executive Council Member has one vote per award category. The nominee with the most votes receives the award for that category.

7. When are the winners announced?

Each year's award winners are announced each year at the annual business meeting held at that year's GCCA Conference. This year awards will be announced between January 27th and January 29th, 2010, exact date to be announced.

8. Do I have to be at the annual conference to receive an award?

No, but you would want to be there to be recognized as well as enjoy the wonderful conference and networking opportunities.

9. Are college officials notified of award winners?

Yes. Individual letters are sent announcing the award winner as well as the top three nominees to each respective Vice President of Student Services and College President.

10. What is the deadline to send in a nomination?

December 31, 2009

11. Where do I get a nomination form?

You can get one online at <http://gacollegecounseling.org/index.html#>

12. Where do I send the nomination forms?

You can fax them to me- Preditia Howard, 478.934.3199 or email: poward@mgc.edu