

This award is presented to a counselor who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession of addiction counseling. Members of NAADAC's Executive Committee are not eligible for these awards.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

This award is presented based on the on the following criteria:

1. The nominee must be currently employed as an addiction counseling professional, and actively working as a counselor for not less than three years prior to receiving the award.
2. The nominee must be an active member in good standing of NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals (the individual must be a voting member as opposed to an honorary or nonvoting member).
3. The nominee should have worked with clients (patients) for a sustained period with individual or group contact that fosters recovery from addiction disorders.
4. The nominee should, preferably, be certified, registered or licensed as an addiction professional, although these qualifications are not mandatory.
5. The nominee should have demonstrated to the satisfaction of one's peers full compliance and support of NAADAC's Code of Ethics.

### **Nomination Information**

Each NAADAC affiliate is encouraged to submit a nominee, although only one nominee per state affiliate will be considered. To nominate an individual for the award, state organizations should mail a resume, three letters of support and a letter of recommendation to:

NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals  
Attn: Awards Committee Chair  
1001 N. Fairfax St., Suite 201  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Materials may also be faxed to the NAADAC Awards Committee (attention: Donovan Kuehn, NAADAC Director of Operations & Outreach) at 800.377.1136 or sent by e-mail to [naadac2@naadac.org](mailto:naadac2@naadac.org) (

please put "NAADAC Awards" in the subject line).

The award recipients will receive travel to the award ceremony, and hotel and registration fees for the day of the NAADAC annual conference where the award is presented. Any other expenses for the award recipient or their guest(s) are the responsibility of the recipient.

All award nominations must be received by April 30 for consideration by the NAADAC Awards Committee.

For additional information, please contact Donovan Kuehn at [dkuehn@naadac.org](mailto:dkuehn@naadac.org) or 800.548.0497, ext. 125.

### **Past Award Recipients**

2012 Rev. Carol Bolstad, MATS, LADC I (Hyannis, Mass.)  
2011 Thomas A. Peltz, CAS, LADC I (Beverly Farms, Mass.)  
2010 Richard Greene (Austin, Texas)  
2009 Neville E. Pottinger, LCDC (Houston, Texas)  
2008 Joseph A. Ruggieri, LMHC, LADC, CADAC (North Andover, Mass.)  
2007 Maureen McGlame (Boston, Mass.)  
2006 Thomas Thelin, MDiv (Leominster, Mass.)  
2005 Terry Sheneman (Austin, Texas)  
2004 Jack Buehler (Denton, Neb.)  
2003 Thurston S. Smith (Charleston, S.C.)  
2002 Dr. Raymond F. Hoitt (Weymouth, Mass.)  
2001 John Cates (Sugarland, Texas)  
2000 George Joseph (Houston, Texas)  
1999 James A. Holder III (Florence, S.C.)  
1998 Barbara Reese (Enid, Okla.)  
1997 Dan Marker (Shawnee, Okla.)  
1996 Barbara Lundy-Fishkin (Oklahoma City, Okla.)  
1995 Karen McKibben (The Woodlands, Texas)  
1994 Linda Mullis (Ware, Mass.)  
1993 Gordon Cooper (Providence, R.I.)  
1992 Charla Rasmussen-Scarborough (Okla.)  
1991 Robert S. Milan (Lawton, Okla.)

1990 Rosie Hatchett (Indianapolis, Ind.)  
1989 Maritza Pemberton (R.I.)  
1988 Judy A. Neal (Cushing, Okla.)  
1987 Hester Bigger (Rockville, Ind.)  
1986 Dr. Thomas McGovern (Lubbock, Texas)  
1985 George Allen (Tenn.)  
1984 Dr. John Mooney, Jr. (Statesboro, Ga.)  
1983 Joseph Steiner (Eugene, Ore.)  
1982 Lora Roe, CAC  
1980 Rusty Williams  
1979 Counselors of the U.S. Navy alcoholism and drug abuse program

*This award was renamed for Lora Roe in 1988. Previously, it was called the NAADAC Counselor of the Year award.*