

NAADAC Annual Awards Process

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Membership



NAADAC celebrates and honors the individuals and organizations that have achieved excellence in the treatment, recovery, prevention, medical and educational sectors of our addiction profession over the past year. Six awards will be presented at an awards event during the 2014 NAADAC Annual Conference in Seattle, WA. It is important to recognize and honor addiction professionals and organizations their accomplishments and contributions through accolades from colleagues to continue to elevate the profession. To be considered for a NAADAC Recognition and Award, current membership in NAADAC is required.

NAADAC is proud to announce the addition of a new award this year, **the Addiction Educator of the Year Award**, developed by the Awards Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in 2013. This award was designed to elevate and honor the work of a professor who contributes through academia to the addiction profession through mentoring students/student chapters, colleagues or addiction professionals and/or provides ongoing research or other contributions that grow, enhance, advocate and educate for the addiction profession.

Additional awards include the following:

- **Lifetime Honorary Membership Award**, recognizing an individual or entity who has established outstanding service through a lifetime of consistent contributions to the advancement of NAADAC, the addiction profession and its professionals;
- **Medical Professional of the Year**, recognizing a medical professional who has made an outstanding contribution to the addiction profession. Members of NAADAC's Executive Committee are not eligible for this award;
- **Lora Roe Memorial Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselor of the Year**, recognizing a counselor who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession of addiction counseling;
- **William F. "Bill" Callahan Award**, recognizing sustained and meritorious service at the national level to the profession of addiction counseling.
- **Mel Schulstad Professional of the Year**, recognizing an individual who has made outstanding and sustained contributions to the advancement of the addiction counseling profession; and the
- **NAADAC Organizational Achievement Award**, recognizing an organization that has demonstrated a strong commitment to the addiction profession and particularly strong support for the individual addiction professional.

Nominating Information

NAADAC's awards process involves State Affiliates submitting excellent candidates for consideration. If a State Affiliate does not currently have an annual State Recognition and Awards program in place, its president should contact the Chair of NAADAC Award Committee, Tricia Sapp at tsapp716@yahoo.com or NAADAC at naadac@naadac.org for assistance in the development of the NAADAC awards process to recognize affiliate members' contributions to the addiction profession.

Each NAADAC affiliate is encouraged to submit a nominee, although only one nominee per State Affiliate will be considered. To nominate an individual for an award, nominators should submit: a letter of recommendation stating how the nominee fulfills the award criteria; a resume from the nominated individual; three letters of support; and the **new NAADAC Recognition and Awards Nomination Form**, which requires the nominee to acknowledge and sign a statement acknowledging that he/she has met all of the criteria for the particular award and has "demonstrated to the satisfaction of one's peers full compliance and support of NAADAC's Code of Ethics throughout [his/her] professional career." For access to the **NAADAC Recognition and Awards Nomination Form** and eligibility criteria for each award, please visit www.naadac.org/recognition-and-awards.

All award nomination packets must be received by April 30, 2014 for consideration by the NAADAC Awards Committee.

To nominate an individual, please send a letter, supporting documentation and the NAADAC Recognition and Awards Nomination Form signed by the Nominee to:

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

Materials may also be faxed to the NAADAC Awards Committee (Attn: Director of Operations) at 800.377.1136 or sent by email to naadac2@naadac.org (please put "NAADAC Awards" in the subject line).

NAADAC does not pay for travel to the venue of acceptance. If the award winner cannot attend the presentation, the award will be sent to the recipient. For additional information, please contact NAADAC by email naadac2@naadac.org (please put "NAADAC Awards" in the subject line) or contact the Awards Committee Chair, Tricia Sapp at tsapp716@yahoo.com or 817.308.7896.