

NAADAC Annual Awards & Nominations Process

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Each year NAADAC and its members celebrate and honor people and organizations that have achieved excellence in the treatment, recovery, prevention, medical and educational sectors of our addiction profession over the past year.

Awards are given in seven categories and will be presented during NAADAC's Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado at the President's Awards Luncheon. It is important to recognize and honor the distinguished services, accomplishments, and contributions of individuals and organizations to continue to elevate and motivate the profession. Make sure to get your nominations in by May 31st!

AWARD CATEGORIES

■ The **ADDICTION EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD** recognizes an adjunct or full-time college/university professor who has contributed through academia to the addiction profession through mentoring students/student chapters, colleagues or addiction professionals and/or by providing ongoing research or other contributions that grow, enhance, advocate and educate for the addiction profession.

■ The **LIFETIME HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD** recognizes an individual or entity who/that has worked in the addiction profession for at least 25 years, has established through research, publications, presentations or by other means the significance of the addiction profession and its professionals, had demonstrated leadership, service, and contributions to addiction profession, and has supported NAADAC's mission, vision and Code of Ethics.

■ The **LORA ROE MEMORIAL ADDICTION COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR** recognizes a counselor who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession of addiction counseling. To be eligible for this award, nominees 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; be an active NAADAC member in good standing (the individual must be a voting member as opposed to an honorary or nonvoting member); have worked with clients (patients) for a sustained period with individual or group contact that fosters recovery from addiction disorders; preferably, be certified, registered or licensed as an addiction professional, although these qualifications are not mandatory; and have demonstrated to the satisfaction of one's peers full compliance and support of NAADAC's Code of Ethics.

■ The **MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR** recognizes a medical professional who has made an outstanding contribution to the addiction profession. To be eligible for this award, nominees must be currently employed in the addiction profession and actively working as such for a minimum of three years prior to receiving this award; hold licensure as a Medical Doctor, Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse in their respective state; be an active NAADAC member in good standing (i.e., the individual must be a voting member as opposed to an honorary member or nonvoting member); be working with clients/patients for a sustained period with individual or group contact that fosters recovery from addiction disorders; and have demonstrated to the satisfaction of one's peers full compliance and support of NAADAC's Code of Ethics.

■ The **MEL SCHULSTAD PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD** recognizes an individual who has made outstanding and sustained contributions to the advancement of the addiction counseling profession.

■ The **ORGANIZATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** recognizes an organization that has demonstrated a strong commitment to the addiction profession and particularly strong support for the individual addiction professional. To be eligible for this award, nominees must have been in existence for at least five years and cannot be affiliated with any other organization or company that sells, distributes or supports the consumption of alcoholic spirits or illicit substances.

■ The **WILLIAM F. "BILL" CALLAHAN AWARD** recognizes sustained and meritorious service at the national level to the profession of addiction counseling. To be eligible for this award, nominees must have a minimum of fifteen years in the addiction counseling profession or related administration, and possess a strong dedication to the addiction profession as demonstrated by involvement in and commitment to a variety of key organizations.

Nominating Information

Any NAADAC member in good standing may nominate any eligible individual NAADAC member for any of the above individual awards. Current members of the NAADAC Executive Committee are ineligible for all awards.

To nominate an eligible addiction professional for a NAADAC award, please submit:

- (1) a letter of recommendation stating how the nominee fulfills the award criteria;
- (2) at least three letters of support from three different sources (individuals, organizations, or agencies);
- (3) the nominee's resume; and
- (4) a completed NAADAC Recognition and Awards Nomination Acknowledgement Form.

To nominate an eligible organization for the NAADAC Organizational Achievement Award, please submit (1) a letter of recommendation including a detailed description of the nominated organization and how the organization has supported the addiction profession; (2) at least three letters of support from three different sources (individuals, organizations, or agencies); and (3) a completed NAADAC Recognition and Awards Nomination Acknowledgement Form.

The NAADAC Recognition and Awards Nomination Acknowledgement Form requires the nominee to sign a statement acknowledging that he/she meets all of the eligibility 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 Acknowledgement Form* and the specific eligibility criteria for each award, please visit: www.naadac.org/recognition-and-awards.

All award nomination packets must be received by May 31, 2017 for consideration by the NAADAC Awards Committee.

To nominate an individual or organization, please send the required documentation to:

NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals
Attn: Awards Committee Chair
44 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 301
Alexandria, VA 22314

Materials may also be faxed to the NAADAC Awards Committee (Attn: Director of Operations) at 703.741.7698 or sent by e-mail 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.

Questions?

For more information, please visit www.naadac.org/awards. For further questions, please email NAADAC at naadac2@naadac.org or call 703.741.7686.



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NAADAC is now accepting submissions for the

William White Student Scholarship

This award was created to promote student addiction studies research and develop the importance of student research projects in NASAC-accredited programs, NAADAC-approved programs in higher education, or an accredited addiction studies collegiate program acknowledged by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). It is awarded to one graduate NAADAC Student Member and one undergraduate NAADAC Student Member with the best addiction research paper on one of the assigned yearly topics.

Award benefits: Students will receive a monetary award (\$2,000 for graduate; \$1,000 for undergraduate), and will be recognized at the 2018 NAADAC Annual Conference in Houston, Texas on October 8.

Application submission: The completed application form, academic transcript, letters of reference, and the research paper must be submitted electronically to naadac@naadac.org. Attention: William White Scholarship.

Submission Deadline: May 31, 2018

For complete information, including the 2018 research paper topics, eligibility and application requirements, please visit:

www.naadac.org/white-scholarship