



AWARDS

NATIONAL AWARDS

Applications and deadlines for national award nominations can be obtained by contacting the section office or national office. All ACA members, individually or through sections, regions, National Board or other organized groups, have the right to nominate persons for regional and/or national awards.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest award afforded to members by the American Camp Association. Only one award is given annually unless the Nominating and Awards Committee agrees no candidate is available for that year.

Hedley S. Dimock Award

The Hedley S. Dimock Award is given to persons who have made significant contributions to camping through related fields such as outdoor education, conservation, recreation, medicine, education, architecture, and the social sciences. Membership in the American Camp Association is not a requirement. The association may present two Hedley S. Dimock Awards in any given year unless the Nominating and Awards Committee agrees no candidates are available for that year.

National Honor Award

The American Camp Association presents Honor Awards to recognize meritorious service in the part of ACA members. No more than three Honor Awards may be given annually unless the Nominating and Awards Committee agrees no candidates are available for that year.

Special Recognition Award

This award is given by the American Camp Association to honor groups, organizations, or individuals for their efforts to promote camps. No more than five Special Recognition Awards may be given annually. The Nominating and awards Committee may agree no candidates are available for that year. The award recognizes efforts that have significance on a national level.

National Service Award

This award is given to recognize continued and increasing service beyond the section level. It should be awarded to a current ACA member who has already received a section award and is continuing to give service to at least three sections or districts. Any section may make a nomination, but approval of the nominee will require endorsement from only (2) sections or a national committee or the National Nominating and Awards Committee. No more than eight Service Awards may be given in one year.

SECTION AWARDS

The Board of Directors of ACA Indiana has established recognition and awards to honor organizations and individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of camping or have played a significant role in the programs, events, and fundraising of ACA Indiana.

Nomination and awards procedures

All ACA members have the right and opportunity to nominate persons and organizations for all recognitions and awards. Information about these awards and nomination forms are available on the ACA Indiana web site, from the ACA Indiana Awards Committee or Executive Director.

Nominations for awards and recognitions will be taken from ACA members each year in the fall. The Awards Committee must receive these nominations 2 weeks prior to award presentation to allow for review, selection and notification.

The ACA Indiana Board will discuss, revise or approve the committees selection for the Heart and Soul Award and for the Pioneers in Camping Scholarship, Award. Recognition recipients will be announced and recognized.

Awards Committee Structure

The Awards Committee is a committee of three to five ACA members. The ACA Indiana Board of Directors appoints the chairperson of this committee. The Awards Committee chairperson shall organize, lead and direct the activities of this committee.

Awards Committee Responsibilities

The committee will meet from time to time and annually to carry out their duties. The primary tasks of this committee are

- 1) to encourage nominations for ACA Indiana awards and recognitions
- 2) to receive and review nominations
- 3) to select recipients
- 4) to choose and order recognitions and
- 6) to see that all recipients receive their award.

The committee will meet, review the nominations and select award winners. The committee will plan, organize, promote, and present the awards.

Heart and Soul Award—plaque with inscription

The Heart and Soul Award is the highest honor awarded by ACA Indiana to individuals and organizations. One is given annually unless the Awards Committee decides no candidate is available for that year. The recipient of the Heart and Soul award must have given unstintingly to promote the general good of camping through participating in, developing, initiating and sharing imaginative and creative programs in all areas of camping administration. Service must be deemed to be unusual, devoted and outstanding by his/her colleagues and community.

Requirements: Two written endorsements and nomination form

Pioneers in Camping Scholarship—\$100.00 grant

This award was created to honor Fred Lorenz, Dave McCracken, Herb Sweet, and Ken Dilling— Indiana camp administrators and ACA members who were pioneers in the camping movement and creation of ACA.

The Pioneers in Camping Scholarship is awarded to an ACA member for outstanding involvement in or noteworthy contributions to ACA Indiana Section programs, events, and fundraising. One is given annually unless the Awards Committee decides no candidate is available for that year.

A \$100 grant is awarded to the recipient for any camping related professional development workshop, seminar, or conference.

Requirements: One written endorsement and nomination form.

Appreciation Certificate—certificate

This certificate is awarded to members, benefactors, camps and other organizations connected with camping to show appreciation for noteworthy contributions, leadership and service to the camping movement or programs, events, and fundraising of ACA Indiana. This certificate may be awarded at any time by the ACA Indiana Board President and/or by a majority vote of the ACA Indiana Board of Directors.

Requirements: One written endorsement and nomination form.

Length of Membership Awards—certificates and pins

Length of membership awards are given to ACA members to recognize length of membership. A certificate is awarded for five years of membership. An ACA pin is awarded for 10 years of membership.

The Executive Director will keep records of members and the length of membership in ACA and inform the Awards Committee of those members eligible for Length of Membership awards.

Award Nomination Form



Award _____

Name of nominator _____ Title _____

Nominator address _____

Nominator phone work(____) _____ home (____) _____

Nominator e-mail _____

Name of candidate _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Work phone _____ Home _____

Years of ACA membership _____

ACA responsibilities and achievements _____

Other affiliations, responsibilities and achievements _____

List achievements that meet the criteria for this award _____

Brief statement as to why this person should receive this award _____

Written Endorsement: Describe in detail why this person should receive this award. Please use additional paper for the written endorsement.

Please return this form and written endorsements to:
ACA Indiana- Awards Chair
PO Box 653

North Webster, IN 46555
info@aca Indiana.org
574-457-4379