

ACA Community Service Award

Established in the winter of 1996, the Community Service Award is designed to recognize an ACA chapter or affiliate that has made significant contributions in community service. This award provides the chapter or affiliate the unique opportunity to publicly demonstrate how corrections professionals are giving back to their communities.

Award Criteria

ACA chapters and affiliates should nominate projects that meet the following criteria:

- The chapter or affiliate has developed a community service project that involves their membership as volunteers and may include others in this effort or;
- A significant number of members are involved in an already established project.
- Projects must target a community that is in need of assistance, enhancement or support, or must target a population in need of substantial assistance.
- Work should be accomplished through the direct involvement of the ACA chapter or affiliate.
- The involvement of the ACA chapter or affiliate must be on a purely voluntary basis.

When determining which project to nominate, ACA chapters and affiliates should consider the following:

- The degree or extent of need of the target population or target activity that is being addressed
- The impact of the project in terms of improving the community or the population being served
- The degree that project managers make innovative efforts
- The level of public education resulting from the project, and
- Only one nomination per chapter/affiliate.

Entries should include the following:

- The official entry form
- A summary addressing the award criteria, not to exceed three pages, single-spaced
- One set of relevant supporting documentation
- Eligibility screening sheet (attached)

Nominations must be received at ACA headquarters by **June 1, 2010**. The award will be presented at the 2011 Winter Conference.

Note: In order for you and/or the Awards Committee to determine whether or not your program is eligible, you must complete the attached "Eligible Screening Sheet" and include it with your packet.

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I, _____ on behalf of _____
(association, address, e-mail address)

_____ would like to nominate the following project for the 2011 Community Service Award:

Project name: _____

Project manager: _____

Description of volunteer service project and its scope (including the number of staff volunteers, number of people served, quantification of volunteer service activities, etc.): _____

Brief discussion of each of the items listed above that the chapter or affiliate considered when nominating this project:

Please attach additional pages as needed, and return this form to ACA, Attn: Awards Committee, 206 N, Washington Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314.