

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This award is given to any individual and/or organizations who may or may not be a member of the Association of Professional Chaplains, who either has exemplified or promoted the standards of professional chaplaincy.

CRITERIA:

1. Nominee may be (but not limited to) a pastoral care provider, clergy, layperson, systems supervisor and/or administrator, researcher, theologian, educator, faith group official, benefactor, author, physician or other healthcare professional, etc.
2. Nominee must have made a significant contribution in promoting the standards of professional chaplaincy or in advancing pastoral care that impacts upon the advancement of clinical chaplaincy.

PROCESS OF NOMINATION:

1. Nominations for the APC Distinguished Service Award must be made and sponsored by a Board Certified Chaplain in good standing of the APC.
2. Nominations must be made in the form of the following materials compiled and submitted to the office of the Association of Professional Chaplains:
 - a. A Nomination Form for the Distinguished Service Award
 - b. A letter/statement explaining the reason the nominee deserves to be honored with the award.
 - c. A one-page biographical summary of the nominee.
 - d. Any additional/corroborating information that would help inform the Awards Committee's selection of the nominee, including ways they contributed to pastoral care relevant to professional chaplaincy care.
3. A member in good standing of the APC may in subsequent years make the nomination of a person previously considered but not selected for this award or nominate a previous awardee who may have made some additional unique contribution(s) to professional chaplaincy.

PROCESS OF SELECTION:

1. Nominees will be reviewed by the Membership Committee with recommendations for final approval by the APC Board. Upon Board approval, the APC Office will communicate appropriately to all awardees.
2. Individuals who made nominations of persons who were not selected will be informed by the APC office.