



You are doing great work:
Get recognized!

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Purpose



- AFCPE and the history of awards
- Why awards are an important aspect of our work
- Award categories
- Development of the submission
- Submission tips
- Review process





History



- AFCPE Awards: Celebrating 24 Years
- Winners honored during Annual AFCPE Symposium
- Recognized through press release
- Issued AFCPE Awards seal of excellence
- All current AFCPE members eligible to apply
- Counselor of the Year Award also requires applicant to hold an AFCPE certification in good standing



Important Aspect of Our Work



- Credibility/trustworthiness
- Demonstrating effectiveness/impacts
- Recognition
 - National standard
 - Institutional recognition
- Networking/broadens reach with peers
- Funding opportunities
- Keeps us relevant
- Gauge our effectiveness
- Marketing your services
- Self growth/employee growth



Categories



Distinguished Fellow Award

- Recognizes significant and long-lasting contributions made by selected individuals to AFCPE over the organization's history.
- Leader in the field of financial counseling and education.
- Exhibit the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct throughout his/her career.
- Nomination letters are reviewed and selected by the Board of Directors.



Categories



Mary Ellen Edmondson Educator of the Year

- An individual who has provided exceptional service to teaching and/or outreach.
- Through the design or use of creative & innovative programs, the educator has made a profound impact on, or provided an exceptional service to, our profession and/or AFCPE.
- A mentor – giving back to students or committed to educating clients.
- Includes \$200 and a plaque.



Categories



Financial Counselor of the Year

- A financial counselor or coach who has contributed outstanding work in the field.
- Has a high level of outreach, strong evidence of outcomes and approaches their work with an innovative approach.
- Includes \$200 and a plaque.
- Nominee must also be an AFCPE certified professional in good standing.



Categories



Outstanding Consumer Financial Information

- Person or organization that is providing outstanding consumer information in the field of financial counseling and education.
- Innovative & timely with wide reach to diverse audiences.
- A plaque will be awarded to the author, publisher or creator of widely distributed educational materials.



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Outstanding Educational Program

- An educational program significantly impacting our field.
- Has well-defined objectives for its target audience
- Provides supportive educational materials, content and methods that are audience-appropriate.
- Innovative & adaptable for other practitioners and educators to replicate and/or adapt in their work.



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Outstanding Financial Counseling and/or Planning Center

- Financial counseling or planning center demonstrating effectiveness in its local community.
- Responsive to target audience needs and provides materials and delivery of services that are in tune with its audience.
- Evidence of impact is widespread and other centers can learn from or adapt this program to effectively support clients.

Other Awards



RESEARCH / SYMPOSIUM AWARDS:

- **Outstanding Research Journal Article:** Selected by JFCP Editorial Board
- **Outstanding Symposium Research Paper:** Selected by Symposium Task Force
- **Outstanding Symposium Student Paper:** Selected by Symposium Task Force
- **Outstanding Symposium Poster:** Top 3 selected by Symposium Task Force. Winner voted on by Symposium attendees
- **Outstanding Symposium Practitioners' Forum:** Chosen by committee



Development of the submission



1. Nomination period

Opportunity to nominate a colleague, a coworker, collaborator from another organization or even yourself!



For a stronger submission, nominator can ask the nominee to help with the application.



Development of the Submission



2. Application period

- Candidate receives an email from AFCPE Awards Chair that they have been invited to submit an application for an Award
- Candidate is directed to an online application submission form

OR you can submit an application without a formal Nomination!

Applications are now available online

Reminder: candidate must be a current AFCPE member



Submission Tips

Content

- Thank the person who nominated you.
- Understand what is being asked of you and then answer the questions thoroughly.
- Include support for your writing (references, qualitative & quantitative data).
- Make sure there are no grammatical errors. Edit and then edit again!

Method

- Know the deadline for submission!
- Pull together a team. Delegate portions of the applications throughout the team.
- Quality over quantity. Do not exceed the maximum.
- Honor the guidelines of the application.



Hesitant to Apply?



- Contact a colleague or past award winner for help.
- Need a confidence booster? Talk to a trusted peer.
- Volunteer to be a reviewer before you submit an application for an award. This gives you an idea of what others are submitting as well as how the applications are judged.
- Don't get discouraged if you've submitted in the past but didn't win. Yours may have been one of dozens or you left something out. Beef up your next submission and edit. Then edit again.

About the Reviewers



- Award chair is selected each year by AFCPE staff.
- Award reviewers are volunteers. A call goes out to AFCPE membership each Spring.
- Award reviewers carefully selected to represent a diverse segment of our membership – military, academia and practice – and screened for any conflict of interest.
- Each award is reviewed by a minimum of 3 reviewers, all assigned to the same category.
- Reviewers earn up to 2 CEUs.

Reviewer Process



- The reviewers submit their score sheets to the Awards Chair by the due date.
- Awards Chair compiles scores and sends confirmation to AFCPE staff.
- Awards Chair notifies award winner.

Discussion





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