

## ACA, Southern California/Hawaii Awards Summary

Purpose: **The Rising Star Award** is given to recognize individuals who are new to service in organized camping and the section. Awards will be presented at the Section Annual Meeting.

Eligibility: To qualify for nomination:

- 1) The candidate must be a member of Southern California/Hawaii Section.
- 2) The candidate must be new to section service.
- 3) There is no age limit on this award.

Number of Awards: No more than four awards per year

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Purpose: **The Outstanding Service Award** is the highest honor presented to a member of the Southern California Section. It is to honor individual members of the section who have given truly outstanding and exceptional service to camping. Awards will be presented at the Section Annual Meeting.

Eligibility: To qualify for nomination:

- 1) The candidate must be a member of Southern California/Hawaii Section for not less than 5 years;
- 2) The candidate's contributions must be of exceptional benefit to the section;
- 3) The benefits of the candidate's service should go beyond the section to National ACA or other noted organizations.

Number of Awards: No more than two awards per year.

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Purpose: **The Program Excellence Award** is given by the ACA Southern California/Hawaii Section to honor programs that develop effective, creative responses to the needs of a community and/or societal problems using the camp environment and to present the public examples of positive contributions camp can make to the well-being of individuals and society.

Eligibility: To qualify for nomination camp programs will demonstrate one or more of the following:

- 1) Understand and make use of intergrouping - combining groups that have differences (e.g., physical abilities, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, religion, and home environment).
- 2) Develop programs suited to the needs and interests of teenage campers.
- 3) Broaden the range of services to persons with disabilities.
- 4) Emphasize awareness of interpersonal relationships and development of interpersonal skills.
- 5) Conduct innovative and effective staff-development programs.
- 6) Offer support activities or leadership that significantly expands opportunities for human growth and enrichment through camping (for non-camp organizations)
- 7) To be eligible for nominations a program must have been in operation for at least one year (excluding planning and development time). Membership in the ACA is not required for eligibility. Nominations will be judged on creativity and imaginative planning, relevance to the needs of participants; involvement of the target participants in the planning and implementation; adaptability and potential for replication; cooperative efforts with other organizations, agencies, or camps; and ability for the program to meet stated objectives.

Number of Awards: No more than four awards per year.

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Purpose: **The Paul Somers Golden Acorn Award** is for members of the camp community - volunteers, public officials - who contribute to the field of organized camping on a short term or long term basis. Awards will be presented at the Section Annual Meeting.

Eligibility: To qualify for nomination:

- 1) The candidate may be a non-member of ACA
- 2) The award may be presented to an individual, a group of individuals or an organization or company.

Number of Awards: No limit

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Purpose: The **Service Award** is given to recognize exceptional service to camping and the section. Awards will be presented at the Section Annual Meeting.

Eligibility: To qualify for nomination:

- 1) The candidate must be a member of Southern California/Hawaii Section for not less than 5 years.

Number of Awards: No more than four awards per year.