

SEACAA

Southeastern Association of Community Action Agencies



**Announcing
2022 SEACAA
AWARDS**

DUE: Friday, August 12, 2022

“Community Action in Action”

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES

In Person Conference: October 18-21

2022 Awards Program: Thursday, October 20

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SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES (SEACAA)

TO: SEACAA Member Agencies

FROM: E. Marie Watson, Awards Committee Chairperson

DATE: July 1, 2022

**SUBJECT: [Lonnie D. Burton Achievement Award](#)
 [Carl D. Perkins Human Service Award](#)
 [William “Sonny” Walker Self-Sufficiency Award](#)**

The SEACAA Awards Committee is soliciting nominations for the above-referenced awards that will be presented at the Awards Program during the 2022 SEACAA Annual Conference, October 18-21.

The selection criteria for the three awards are listed below. Please submit your nomination(s) to the Committee by **5 p.m., Friday, August 12, 2022.**

Please submit online nominations using the links below:

[Lonnie D. Burton Achievement Award](#)

[Carl D. Perkins Human Service Award](#)

[William “Sonny” Walker Self-Sufficiency Award](#)

It is important that we recognize both agencies and individuals that promote and achieve self-sufficiency through Community Action. We strongly encourage you to submit nominations to help us achieve this end.

Your support is greatly appreciated. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 919-934-2145. E. Marie Watson, Awards Committee Chair and Executive Director

NOMINEE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES

Lonnie D. Burton Achievement Award

Selection Criteria

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT

The Lonnie D. Burton Achievement Award is presented annually to an **individual** who, through the assistance of a Community Action Program, has achieved a significant level of self-sufficiency and independence, while recognition is given to the local Community Action Agency's role in helping the nominee(s) to help themselves. This award focuses on the personal progress and achievements of the individual(s) nominated. CAA employees are not eligible for this award unless they are former recipients of CCCAA services.

PERIOD OF AWARD

The award period is between Annual Meetings. Any project or program operated during that period will be eligible. **Note:** For the purpose of the 2022 awards selection, the dates are August 2021 through July 2022.

BASIS FOR AWARD

Factors that will be considered in selecting the award recipient include the following:

1. Circumstances that caused the nominee to seek assistance through the Community Action Program(s);
2. Commitment to achieving personal goals (employment, training, education, etc.); additional responsibilities while working toward these goals (i.e., caring for family members, etc.); and
3. Contributions to the community (advocacy for the poor, public official, volunteer efforts).

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations should be submitted using the online form. All nominations should include the following information:

- Agency's name, address and contact person
- Nominee's name (former recipient of CAA assistance)
- Family size (number and ages of children, if any)
- Educational level achieved by nominee
- Circumstances that caused nominee to seek CAA help (include the dates assistance was provided)
- What the CAA did for the nominee (i.e., services, case management, etc.)
- Nominee's commitment to achieving personal goals
- Additional responsibilities while working for these goals
- Contributions to the community

NOMINATION SUBMISSION

Click the link to submit your Lonnie D. Burton Award nomination: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/AC6r9eJ>

CAA's are reminded to obtain permission from the nominees to share their personal stories. Nominees must have received assistance from the Community Action Agency within the past year.

NOMINEE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.

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Carl D. Perkins Human Service Award

Selection Criteria

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT

The Carl D. Perkins Human Service Award is to be presented to an **individual** who has consistently advocated and/or contributed to the growth, development and survival of Community Action Programs throughout Region IV (southeast).

AWARD PERIOD

The award period is between Annual Meetings. Any project or program operated during that period will be eligible. **Note:** For the purpose of the 2022 awards selection, the dates are August 2021 through July 2022.

BASIS FOR AWARD

In the selection and nomination of individuals, the following areas or categories of accomplishment, but not limited to, may be considered:

- Legislative Impact
- Community Services
- Head Start
- Economic Development
- Human Rights/Human Services

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nomination to be considered must be submitted using the online nomination form. Entries may be submitted by any qualified agency, individual or group presently affiliated with SEACAA. All nominations should include the following information.

- Nominations should clearly define the nominee's accomplishments and efforts for the Community Action Network.
- Describe how such efforts have benefitted and provided positive impact for the Community Action Network in Region IV.

NOMINATION SUBMISSION

Click the link to submit your Carl D. Perkins Award nomination: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/waNSi1l>

CAA's are reminded to obtain permission from nominees to share their personal stories.

NOMINEE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.

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William “Sonny” Walker Self-Sufficiency Award

Selection Criteria

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT

The award will be presented to a **Member Organization** of SEACAA or one whose interests SEACAA represents, not an individual, although individual leadership will spur the award-winning achievement(s).

AWARD PERIOD

The award period is between Annual Meetings. Any project or program operated during that period will be eligible. **Note:** For the purpose of the 2022 awards selection, the dates are August 2021 through July 2022.

BASIS FOR AWARD

- An organization which has operated an outstanding program or project, or which has identifiably led or spurred creation of an outstanding program or project designed expressly to promote self-sufficiency of poor persons.
- No limitations will be placed on the types of activities that will be considered; thus, the program or project can range from facilitation of community self-help projects to promoting changes in institutional practices which foster dependency (employment and training, economic development, etc.)
- The intent to promote self-sufficiency should be evident in the design of the program or project.
- In evaluating nominations, extra weight will be given to self-sufficiency efforts evidenced in multiple programs or projects of an organization.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Self-nomination by an eligible organization.
- Eligible organizations must submit nominations using the online form. All nominations should include the following information:
 - The organization competing for the award
 - A brief description or name for the program or project
 - Period of activity (from August 2021 to July 2022)
 - Problem/dependency situation addressed
 - Description of program or project designed to overcome the problem/dependency situation (maximum 3 pages)
 - Results realized (major emphasis will be placed on results)

NOMINATION SUBMISSION

Click the link to submit your William “Sonny” Walker Award nomination:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/WtzIIJe>

CAA’s are reminded to obtain permission from nominees to share their personal stories.