

TO: SEACAA Member Agencies

FROM: Deloris Johnson, Awards Committee Chairperson

DATE: July 24, 2015

**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 banquet during the Annual Training Conference on October 19 - 23, 2015 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

The selection criteria for the three awards are attached. Please submit your nomination(s) to the Committee by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 25, 2015.**

Please mail nominations to:

SEACAA Awards Committee
Deloris Johnson, Chair
The Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc.
300 Lynchburg Road
Lake Alfred, FL 33850

Facsimile transmissions will be accepted at 863-956-3357; however, the original copies should also be mailed. 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 achieved this end.

Your support is greatly appreciated. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 863-956-3491.

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ANNOUNCING



2015

**SEACAA AWARDS
APPLICATIONS**

**DUE DATE:
September 25, 2015**



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 individuals who are nominated. CAA employees are not eligible for this award unless they are former recipients of CAA 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 2015 awards selection, the dates are August 2014 through July 2015.

BASIS FOR AWARD

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

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

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations should be limited to no more than three (3) typed pages (single spaced) and 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

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.

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES
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 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 2015 awards selection, the dates are August 2014 through July 2015.

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 typed or printed and should clearly define the nominee's accomplishments. Describe how such efforts have benefited and provided positive impact for the Community Action Network through Region IV.

Entries may be submitted by any qualified agency, individual or group presently affiliated with SEACAA.

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SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES
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 to 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 2015 awards selection, the dates are August 2014 through July 2015

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 a written project description limited to (5) typed pages in a format that identifies:
 1. The organization competing for the award
 2. A brief description or name for the program or project
 3. Period of activity (from August 2014 to July 2015)
 4. Problem/dependency situation addressed
 5. Description of program or project designed to overcome the problem/dependency situation (maximum 3 pages)
 6. Results realized (major emphasis will be placed on results)