JOHN HOLLAND AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CAREER OR PERSONALITY RESEARCH

The John Holland Award for Outstanding Achievement in Career or Personality Research is given for notable research on career and personality topics. The Award and its associated monetary prize was initiated and funded by Psychology Assessment Resources, Inc.; the award is now funded by the Society/Division 17. The Award is voted annually by the Society/Division 17 Executive Board at its mid-year meeting. Announcement of the Award winner is made at the annual APA convention. The procedures to be followed in the nomination of candidates, selection of an Award winner, and presentation of the Award are detailed below.

CRITERIA:

1. The John Holland Award for Outstanding Achievement in Career or Personality Research is given to honor notable research on career and personality topics, including career theory, career testing and assessment, career interventions, occupational classifications, personality theory and assessment, treatment interventions and evaluations, and related topics.

2. Such research shall pertain directly to Counseling Psychology as a specialty and its contribution shall be sufficiently significant and sustained to be recognized as making a substantial impact on the field.

3. This award is for mid-level professionals who have received their doctorate degree between 10 and 20 years prior to receiving the Award. Current members of the Society/Division 17 Executive Board are not eligible during their term of office.

4. The Award should be given to persons whose principal professional identification is as a Counseling Psychologist and are members of the Society/Division 17.

5. Though the Award ordinarily will be voted annually, the Executive Board may elect not to make an Award in any given year.

PROCEDURES:

1. A call for nominations for the John Holland Award for Outstanding Achievement in Career or Personality Research will appear in the Fall issue of the Society/Division 17 Newsletter or the currently used publication medium.

2. Nominations for the Award (by self or other) are to be in the form of a letter that makes the nomination and discusses the research impact and productivity that justifies the nomination. The nominee’s vita and no more than two (2) additional letters of support should be included.

3. The Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee (or the Chair’s designee) will be responsible for collecting nominations and for obtaining evaluations of the nominations from the Committee. Each reviewer will rate and then rank the nominee and send both ratings and
rankings to the Chair (or the Chair’s designee) who will then compute mean ratings. Based on these mean ratings the Chair will submit a rank ordered list of nominees to the Society/Division 17 Executive Board prior to the mid-year meeting of that group.

4. Election of the Award winner will be decided by written or verbal ballot at the mid-year meeting by majority vote of the voting members of the Executive Board of Society/Division 17 who are present. The Award winner will be notified by the President following this mid-year meeting but no public announcement of the winner will be made until the Society/Division’s business meeting at the APA Convention.

5. The Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee will provide the winner’s name and contact information, social security number, and the name of the award won to the Society/Division 17 treasurer by June 1st. The treasurer will prepare the check and give it to the Society/Division 17 President for presentation at the Annual Business Meeting in August.

6. After the APA Convention, an announcement of the winner will be published in the fall issue of the Society/Division 17 Newsletter or currently used publication medium, and The Counseling Psychologist.