

# ACCA Awards Program

## ACCA 88th Annual Convention

### August 16-18, 2016

Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach, Ala.



The 25th Annual Awards for Excellence in County Government will be presented during the Annual Convention's Awards Ceremony on Thursday, August 18. This awards program is designed to bring statewide attention to outstanding accomplishments on the part of county government.

To ensure that all counties have a fair chance of being recognized, we will give Excellence in County Government Awards in two categories. The first award will go to a rural county – a county with a population under 50,000. The second Excellence Award will go to an urban county – a county with a population of more than 50,000.

Over the years, this awards program has brought recognition to programs across the state ranging from innovative approaches to industry recruitment, to unusual efforts at solving community problems.

The awards are intended to honor those programs implemented by the County Commission itself and not its agencies or boards. The awards are not to recognize those required programs that the county has carried out well, but instead honors those special efforts of County Commissions to meet the needs of their community in an innovative way. Detailed information concerning the Awards Program is sent directly to Commissioners and Administrators. If you would like to nominate someone for an award, please get a copy of the correct form from your Administrator,

or you may download the forms from our website -- [www.alabamacounties.org](http://www.alabamacounties.org). Please pay particular attention to the guidelines and judging criteria for the award. Deadline for entries is Friday, June 24, 2016.

The awards application also includes forms for other awards that will be presented at the awards ceremony.

#### **Outstanding Contribution to County Government**

This award is given annually to individuals who have contributed to the betterment of county government in a manner above and beyond what is expected in their everyday duties. It is not a longevity award, but represents significant contributions to county government statewide.

Previous winners include State EMA Director Art Faulkner, Tuscaloosa County Probate Judge Hardy McCollum; Rep. Bill Dukes; late Rep. Jack Venable; Mack Roberts, former director of the Alabama Department of Transportation; Buddy Sharpless, former executive director of the ACCA; Frank Courson, retired County Transportation Director for the Dept. of Transportation; Mike Scroggins, retired head of county audits for the Examiners of Public Accounts; and retired Montgomery County Commissioner Bill Joseph. These winners followed a long line of leaders who have been honored for their dedication and contribution to county gov-

ernment. This award is for true accomplishment by an individual or organization. Those wishing to nominate someone should complete a form and return it to the ACCA office by the deadline.

#### **Tenure In Office Award**

This award is given to County Commissioners who have served in office for at least 16 years. It is given to commemorate each year served, in multiples of four years, once the 16th year is completed. For example, a commissioner who has just completed his or her 16th, 20th, 24th, 28th or 32nd year of office is eligible for the award.

It is the responsibility of the county to complete the entry form for this award. The ACCA staff does not have service records on all the County Commissioners. Make sure your County Administrator completes the form for all qualified Commissioners.

#### **Memorials**

Memorials are issued by ACCA for Commissioners who have died in office since August 2015. Please have your administrator complete this form if your county has lost a Commissioner during the past year.

If you have any questions about the Excellence Awards, please call Donna Key in the ACCA office at (334) 263-7594 or send an email to [dkey@alabamacounties.org](mailto:dkey@alabamacounties.org).

2016 Outstanding Contribution  
to County Government Award

Nomination Form

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Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Title or position held: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates or length of service (please be specific): \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of service and contributions to county government (please use additional paper if needed):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Email, mail or fax nominations to:**  
Association of County Commissions of Alabama  
Attn: Donna Key  
P.O. Box 5040  
Montgomery, AL 36103  
Fax: (334) 263-7678 or *dkey@alabamacounties.org*

All nominations must be received by 4:30 p.m. on June 24, 2016. Decision of the judges will be final.  
**NOTE:** This award is presented to the person who has made outstanding contributions to county government statewide.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2016 Excellence in County Government Award

## Entry Guidelines

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#### Time Frame

The Program must have been completed or begun in the period between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

#### Eligible Programs

An eligible program is one initiated by the County Commission and is outstanding in quality or is innovative in its approach.

#### Submission of Entries

Excellence applications are limited to one per county. The entry should include a cover and an overview of the program (limited to no more than two typed pages) that details the following:

- Development of the Program Objective(s)
- Implementation of the Program (including involvement of the County Commission)
- Achievement of Objective(s)
- Benefit to the Tax Payers

Supporting materials, such as press clippings, photographs or printed materials may be submitted with the entry, but are not necessary. If such materials are submitted, they should be mounted on presentation board or presented in a notebook labeled for identification.

The entry form should be filled out and used as a cover sheet for the award entry.

#### Deadline for Entries

The deadline for entries is Friday, June 24, 2016. All entries must be received at the ACCA office by 4:30 p.m.

#### Mail or emails all entries to:

*dkey@alabamacounties.org*

Association of County Commissions of Alabama

Attn: Donna Key

P.O. Box 5040

Montgomery, AL 36103

#### Judging of Entries

The entries will be judged by the ACCA Awards Committee with emphasis placed on the projects measurable results or improvements.

Excellence in County Government awards will be presented to those programs judged the most outstanding. Certificates of Excellence can also be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

The awards will be presented during the Awards Ceremony on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at the ACCA's 88th Annual Convention being held at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Ala. Every effort will be made to contact the administrator in the winning counties, who will be responsible for contacting the appropriate persons in that county.

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Government Award

Entry Form

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County: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

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Category:  Rural (Population under 50,000)

Urban (Population more than 50,000)

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Entries may be picked up at the ACCA office at August 31, 2016.

# 2016 Tenure in Office Award

Entry Form

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**Note:** Award is given to honor commissioners who have served 16 years or more and is presented following the completion of the 16th, 20th, 24th, 28th, 32nd, 36th, 40th, and so on years.

Name of Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_

County Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Years served on the county commission as of August 2016: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Served (please list all dates, even if there was break in between terms) \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2016 Memorials

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Please list any members of your county commission who passed away while in office during the past year (since July 2015).

Name of Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_

County Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Years served on the county commission: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information or remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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