

Academy Leadership and Innovation Award: The deadline for Nominations is September 15, 2025.

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Nominations of practitioners are being accepted for the new ACJS Leadership and Innovator Award. Practitioners are individuals employed in a professional capacity in the criminal justice system, related and ancillary programs, services, and agencies such as victim services, juvenile justice, case management and treatment, drug/alcohol and mental health services, and community coalitions, as well as research, government, or public service.

This award will be given in recognition of a practitioner whose work has had a direct, positive, and significant effect on the criminal justice system, with a commitment to improving the criminal justice system. These contributions may include program development, policy implementation, education, training, direct services, research, and legislative action.

To be eligible for this award, the candidate shall have:

1. Been an outstanding leader and innovator in a professional capacity.
2. Demonstrated commitment to improving the criminal justice system.
3. Contributed to criminal justice or related programs, relevant policies, or community development.
4. Provided exemplary professional service to his or her organization.
5. Candidate must be from the region in which the annual meeting is being held.

Nominees need not be ACJS members. Regional Organizations affiliated with ACJS and ACJS members may nominate a practitioner for this award by submitting a letter of nomination. The nomination letters shall include the nominees' full contact information, resume, and rationale for the nomination. ACJS will recognize the Awardee at its annual ceremony during the ACJS Annual Meeting. The Awardee will receive a plaque, a \$600 monetary award, and one year membership in ACJS.