

South Dakota Mental Health Counselor Association

Howard B. Smith Award Nomination

We are seeking nominations for the Howard B. Smith Award. This award is given by SDMHCA at the SDCA Conference each year during the SDMHCA board meeting and is presented to a professional who exemplifies excellence and leadership in mental health. Send a letter of nomination, two letters of support and a VITA (or list of accomplishments) to the president at the address below. This can be sent either by email or regular mail. Think how good it will feel to see your admired nominee accept this special award. Do not wait! The paperwork is minor and honoring a friend and peer is a major pleasure.

Criteria information is as follows:

- Nominees must be current members of ACA or AMHCA, SDCA, and SDMHCA
- One letter of nomination and two letters of support describing the contributions of the individual to the mental health counseling field must be submitted.
- Current VITA or resume must be included.

Howard B. Smith had a very significant role in the development of counseling in the state of South Dakota. He helped the state recognize Licensed Professional Counselors by helping pass the licensure law, guided South Dakota State University's counseling program through national accreditation in 1994, and he was the National President for AMCHA while a faculty member at South Dakota State University. He started as a faculty member and then became the Department Head. He worked for ACA full-time as an ethics coordinator after leaving South Dakota State in the late 1990s and finished his career at South Dakota State as Associate Dean of Education and Counseling. While Associate Dean, Howard helped bring the Rehabilitation Counseling specialty to South Dakota State. This is the first and only program of its kind in South Dakota, and he helped it achieve national accreditation. Howard B. Smith was a true pioneer for counseling in the state of South Dakota.

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