



E.R. CASS AWARD — ACA’S HIGHEST HONOR

2025

The E.R. Cass Correctional Achievement Award was created in 1962 in honor of Edward R. Cass, who devoted more than 50 years of his life to corrections. Serving as the American Correctional Association’s general secretary for 40 consecutive years, Cass was dedicated to the goals and growth of the association and to the field as a whole.

In 1962, ACA designated this extraordinary man as president emeritus for his “utmost devotion and distinction to the work and interests of the American Correctional Association” and for “service above and beyond the call of duty.”

It is in this spirit and in recognition of these high ideals that ACA continues honoring corrections’ most dedicated professionals through its E.R. Cass Award.

The recipients of the prestigious E.R. Cass Correctional Achievement Award for 2025 will be announced before the 155th Congress of Correction, to be held in Denver, Colorado. Early selection of the winners allows families and friends to attend the actual award presentation at the awards banquet during the annual Congress.

Members of the ACA Correctional Awards Committee need your suggested nominations prior to the 2025 Winter Conference, at which time recipients are selected. Nominations must be submitted using the form below in order to be considered by the Awards Committee. **ACA must receive nominations and supporting documentation by Dec. 2, 2024.**

Guidelines

- He or she must have been an active ACA member for more than five years.
- He or she must have made an outstanding contribution over the course of his or her career to the association, its chapters and affiliates and to the corrections field.
- He or she must have shown deep concern for and must have actively participated in the field while exemplifying ACA’s principles.
- He or she must have been concerned with and aware of the effect of his or her contributions to the public and to the field and should demonstrate community service in both their correctional and non-correctional lives.

Nominations Should Include

- Resume or biographical sketch of the nominee.
- Highlights of specific contributions to ACA, its chapters and affiliates, the field of corrections, and service to the community, both correctional and non-correctional.
- At least five letters of support as deemed appropriate.
- Tell us about your candidate (Following).

Entry Rules

Entries should include the following information:

- The nomination form.
- A summary addressing each award criterion, not to exceed three single-spaced pages. (Please remember to submit only three pages — this rule will be strictly enforced. Because the Awards Committee will be looking for superior performance in the criteria noted on the entry forms, it will help your case to organize the presentation around those criteria).
- One set of relevant supporting documentation.
- Tell us about your candidate (Following).

E.R. Cass Correctional Award Nomination Form

I, _____

(name/member number/telephone number/email address)

would like to nominate the following person(s) to receive the E.R. Cass Award

Name(s)/Member Number: _____

Biographical Information: _____



E.R. CASS CORRECTIONAL AWARD NOMINATION

TELL US ABOUT YOUR E.R. CASS NOMINEE

Nominee Name: _____

1. Please list (in bulleted format) your nominee's contributions to ACA.

2. Please list (in bulleted format) your nominee's contributions to the field.

3. Please list (in bulleted format) your nominee's community service activities in a correctional setting.

4. Please list (in bulleted format) your nominee's community service activities in a non-correctional setting.
