

2025-26 ACCI Call for Awards Nominations

Due November 1, 2025

2026 ACCI Annual Conference
April 13-15, 2026



Submit your nomination or application at <https://www.consumerinterests.org/award-nominations-2026> for:

- [Distinguished Fellow Award](#)
- [Richard L. D. Morse Mid-Career Award](#)
- [Richard L. D. Morse Early-Career Award](#)
- [Robert O. Herrmann Outstanding Dissertation Award](#)
- [Stewart M. Lee Consumer Education Award](#)

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Distinguished Fellow Award – Due November 1

Purpose

Honor an individual who has made significant contributions to ACCI over a long period of time and is widely recognized as a leader in the consumer field.

Criteria

- ❖ The award will honor an individual who:
 - Has been a member of ACCI for at least 20 years
 - Has provided outstanding service to ACCI
 - Is recognized as a leader in the consumer field
 - Has displayed high standards of professional and ethical conduct through her/his career

Award

An engraved crystal is awarded.

Format

- ❖ Submit nomination in the online form provided for this purpose:
 - Name of nominee, their phone and email addresses as well as their CV
 - Nomination letter clearly articulating nominee's accomplishments and contributions related to listed criteria
 - Your contact information as the ACCI member making the nomination

Richard L. D. Morse Mid-Career Award – Due November 1

Purpose

Recognize achievement and service by an ACCI member with 15 years or fewer years of professional work. Affirm the value of professionals at a time in their careers where such work may not be as readily acknowledged. Support vital, productive consumer interest professionals who are the foundation of a future-oriented organization.

Criteria

- ❖ Has demonstrated excellence in the field either in research, education, and/or policy combined with service defined as contributions that further consumer interests including service to ACCI as a professional organization, forging collaborations with other consumer interest organizations and groups, supporting policy making, etc.
- ❖ Has 15 years or less of full-time professional employment in a field related to consumer interests
- ❖ Is an ACCI member in good standing

Award

A certificate and \$1000 is awarded.

Format

- ❖ Submit nomination in the online form provided for this purpose:
 - Name of nominee, their phone and email addresses as well as their CV
 - Nomination letter clearly articulating nominee's accomplishments and contributions related to listed criteria
 - Your contact information as the ACCI member making the nomination

Richard L. D. Morse Early-Career Award – Due November 1

Purpose

Recognize achievement and service by an ACCI member with 6 years or fewer years of professional work. Affirm the value of professionals at a time in their careers where such work may not be as readily acknowledged. Support vital, productive consumer interest professionals who are the foundation of a future-oriented organization.

Criteria

- ❖ Has demonstrated excellence in the field either in research, education, and/or policy combined with service defined as contributions that further consumer interests including service to ACCI as a professional organization, forging collaborations with colleagues and groups, and contributing to the consumers' interest as a field of study and practice
- ❖ Has 6 years or less of full-time professional employment in a field related to consumer interests
- ❖ Is an ACCI member in good standing

Award

A certificate and \$1000 is awarded.

Format

- ❖ Submit nomination in the online form provided for this purpose:
 - Name of nominee, their phone and email addresses as well as their CV
 - Nomination letter clearly articulating nominee's accomplishments and contributions related to listed criteria
 - Your contact information as the ACCI member making the nomination

Robert O. Herrmann Outstanding Dissertation Award – Due November 1

Purpose

Identify and recognize outstanding graduate student research which addresses issues relevant to the well-being of consumers and meets the research guidelines of *The Journal of Consumer Affairs*.

Criteria

- ❖ The research:
 - May focus on consumer policy, consumer economics, consumer behavior, and/or consumer education
 - May be theoretical, empirical, philosophical, and/or historical in perspective
 - Must have clear implications for government, households, and/or business
 - Must clearly focus on consumer well-being
 - Dissertation must have been completed and approved no more than two years prior to its submission to the award committee
 - Prior presentation or publication of any aspect of the research shall not affect eligibility

Award

A certificate, \$500, and complimentary registration to the ACCI Annual Conference is provided.

Format

- ❖ Submit nomination in the online form provided for this purpose:
 - Name of nominee, their phone and email addresses as well as their CV
 - Your contact information as the ACCI member making the nomination
- ❖ Submit the dissertation or thesis summary by attachment. Summary shall be no more than five double-spaced pages in length and will include the objectives, methodology, and major finds.
- ❖ Please make sure your letter of nomination includes: the date the dissertation or thesis was completed and approved, whether the dissertation/thesis is available electronically and if so, how (e-mail file, website, etc.), and major professor's name and contact information.

Stewart M. Lee Consumer Education Award – Due November 1

Purpose

Acknowledge and encourage significant contributions to consumer education and honor the outstanding, long-term contributions of Stewart M. Lee.

Criteria

- ❖ Recipient will be an individual or organization who/which has made significant contributions to the field of consumer education
- ❖ Contributions will have been over a long period, but single, uniquely outstanding contributions of lasting impact may be recognized as well
- ❖ Contributions may be for teaching, research, or service to consumer education

Award

- ❖ Individual: Certificate and \$500
- ❖ Organization: Certificate

Format

- ❖ Submit nomination in the online form provided for this purpose:
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 - Nomination letter clearly articulating nominee's accomplishments and contributions related to listed criteria
 - Your contact information as the ACCI member making the nomination