

## Southern States Communication Association Award Guidelines (A Draft)

Nominations, including self-nominations, are invited for all Southern States Communication Association awards. Nominees must be SSCA members in good standing.

For *all* SSCA awards\*, a single letter of nomination is required. Although this may be written by the nominee, most nomination letters are written by colleague who knows the nominee and his or her qualifications well.

For all SSCA awards *except* the Minority Retention and Recruitment Award, the nominee's curriculum vita is required (the MRRA honors an institution, so a CV would not be appropriate).

For all SSCA awards *except* the Janice Hocker Rushing Early Career Research Award, a maximum of three (3) supporting letters and five (5) pages of additional supporting documentation may be submitted, but are not required.

The awards are described below, along with any additional requirements for each award.

**Outstanding New Teacher Award** honors SSCA members who have demonstrated teaching excellence early in their careers. Nominees must teach courses in communication and have taught full-time for at least two and not more than five years. In addition to the requirements noted above, all nominees must submit a statement of not more than 500 words on their "Philosophy and Practice of Teaching."

**John I. Sisco Excellence in Teaching Award** honors SSCA members who have consistently demonstrated excellence in teaching communication throughout their academic careers. Nominees must be employed full-time teaching courses in communication for a minimum of ten years. In addition to the requirements noted above, all nominees must submit a statement of not more than 500 words on their "Philosophy and Practice of Teaching."

**Janice Hocker Rushing Early Career Research Award** honors SSCA members who have demonstrated exceptional scholarly ability through research and publication early in their academic careers. Nominees must be untenured, assistant professors in the field of communication, and no more than five years shall have passed between nominee's appointment to the rank of assistant professor (or receipt of terminal degree) and the time of the award. In addition, nominees must have participated in the program of the annual convention at least twice (or participated once in the convention program and published an article in the *Southern Communication Journal*). In addition to the requirements noted above, a maximum of three (3) representative publications by the nominee must be submitted.

**Outreach Award** honors SSCA members who have made significant contributions to the profession by facilitating the success and access of under-represented populations or the integration of specific groups of students, professionals, or scholars into the communication discipline or professional organizations. The significant contribution may be the initiation of a major activity, the completion of a major project, or represent a lifetime of work with numerous individuals or on numerous meaningful activities. The scope of the activity may be national, regional, or local, and might involve mentoring, advising, liaison, or other activities.

**T. Earle Johnson-Edwin Paget Distinguished Service Award** honors SSCA members who, through their service and leadership to the Association and the profession, have made significant contributions and merit recognition.

**Michael M. Osborn Teacher-Scholar Award** honors SSCA members who have balanced professional careers, having achieved excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service.

**Minority Recruitment and Retention Award** honors institutions that have demonstrated noteworthy commitment to the recruitment and retention of minority students.

**Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award** honors the most outstanding paper submitted to the convention each year by a graduate student. The recipient of this award is determined by the Vice President through a process established by the Vice President.

**Franklin Shirley Award for the Top Undergraduate Honors Conference Paper** honors the most outstanding paper submitted each year to the Theodore Clevenger Jr. Undergraduate Honors Conference. The recipient of this award is determined by the Vice President Elect through a process established by the Vice President Elect.

**Rose B. Johnson SCJ Article Award** honors the author or authors of an outstanding, significant article published in the *Southern Communication Journal*. The recipient of this award is determined by the Editor and editorial board of *SCJ* through a process established by the Editor.

#### **Submission Process**

In all cases, electronic submission is preferred—to the Chair of the relevant award committee. If electronic submission poses a hardship or for any supplementary materials that cannot be submitted electronically, the nominator must have the nomination packet or supplementary materials delivered to *all* members of the relevant committee by the submission deadline.

#### **2005 Submission Dates**

After NCA	Post Call for Awards and Guidelines on SSCA Website
December 12	Announcement Submitted to CRTNET and E-mailed to SSCA Membership
January 7	E-mail Reminder Announcement to SSCA Membership
January 21	All Nomination Materials Received by Committee Chairs
February 14	All Recipient Names Submitted by Committee Chairs to Executive Director

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\* The Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award, the Franklin Shirley Award for the Top Undergraduate Honors Conference Paper and the Rose B. Johnson *SCJ* Article Award are determined through processes entirely separate from those described here and do not involve nominations.

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