

GUIDELINES FOR
SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE
SACSCOC LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARDS

The success the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) has experienced as an accrediting agency is due in large part to the many volunteers who staff evaluation and special committees, as well as those who serve in various leadership positions.

Each year, SACSCOC recognizes one individual who has, through his or her leadership, helped to strengthen the accreditation process in our region and five individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service to SACSCOC.

Procedures for the selection of these individuals:

- Nominations for the Distinguished Leadership Award may be made only by CEOs (presidents/chancellors) of member institutions, members of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, and SACSCOC staff.
- Nominations for the Service Awards may be made by CEOs (presidents/chancellors) of member institutions, Visiting Committee Chairs, past SACSCOC Board Chairs, members of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, and SACSCOC staff.
- Nominations for both the Leadership and Service awards will be forwarded to the Executive Council for review and final decision.
- Formal announcement of the Executive Council's selections for the awards will be made at the SACSCOC Annual Meeting in December during the Second General Session at which time the awards will be presented.

Restrictions:

- Former service on the SACSCOC Board of Trustees will not, in and of itself, qualify one to be considered for the Leadership Award.
- No sitting member of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees may be considered for either the Leadership or Service Award.
- No attempt will be made to select individuals based on any criteria other than the value of their service to SACSCOC.
- The Executive Council's final selections will not be publicly announced until the Second General Session at the SACSCOC Annual Meeting.

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**Nomination for the
James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award**

The James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award is designed to recognize outstanding involvement in and support of the activities of SACSCOC. The award is presented at the SACSCOC Annual Meeting.

The Distinguished Leadership Award is the highest public recognition given by the Commission and is reserved for those individuals whose service to SACSCOC is truly distinctive.

Anyone who is or has been active in the work of SACSCOC, except for current members of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, is eligible for nomination and consideration.

Directions: Please use the form below to nominate an individual exhibiting the qualities described above. In addition to the nominee's name, please provide supporting narrative describing the nominee's contributions to SACSCOC.

Name of Nominee: _____

Title: _____ **Institution:** _____

Qualifications of Nominee:

Please email completed form by Friday, September 5, 2025, to:

**Dr. Stephen L. Pruitt
President
SACSCOC
spruitt@sacscoc.org**

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**Nomination for a
Carol A. Luthman Meritorious Service Award**

Meritorious Service Awards are designed to recognize faithful and dedicated service to SACSCOC and support of its activities over a sustained period. Up to five awards are presented at the SACSCOC Annual Meeting.

Eligible candidates have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the accreditation processes in various volunteer capacities. Nominees should be respected by their peers for their integrity, as well as for the meritorious quality of their service. In short, nominees should personify the ideals of SACSCOC and embody in singular ways the best principles of the academy and of accreditation.

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