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The Counselor’s Choice Award® (CCA) ensures ethical integrity in evidence based practices, tools, and facilities. This is done through fairness, objectivity, and comparing best practices to all items and services. To maintain the honor and integrity of its participants and assisting Reviewers (reviewers and judges) herein after referred to as “Reviewer”.

1. Reviewer pledges to review the CCA Content Classification Standards posted on the CCA website at [www.Counselorschoiceward.com](http://www.Counselorschoiceward.com) as well as reviewing the guidelines given for reviewing each item.

2. Reviewer pledges that all critiques given will be constructive in nature and are provided to with the sole intent for the betterment of the field of counseling. The reviewer will use criticism in a positive and respectful manner in an effort to promote goodwill and advance the quality and the use evidenced based practice.

3. Reviewer pledges to allow eligibility to all participants who meet the criteria for the appropriate reward. Reviewer will be uniform in his eligibility requirements and will fairly evaluate all products/services against the criteria that is/was in force at the time of nomination.

4. Reviewer pledges not to grant recognition to individuals, organizations, and institutions endorsing, demonstrating, or promoting hate literature, hateful attitudes, sexism, racism, discrimination, prejudice, abusive behavior, as well as practicing any illegal, immoral, unethical, or perverse activity.

5. Reviewer pledges not to discriminate against participants on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, genetic information, age, marital status, families with children, protected veteran or military status, HIV or hepatitis C, status as a mother breastfeeding her child, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal by a person with a disability, as provided for and to the extent required by state and federal laws

6. Reviewer pledges to inform the CCA in writing with a "Refusal to Evaluate" if it is found that a conflict of interest would occur in evaluating certain award categories, products or services.

7. Reviewer pledges to refrain from any direct correspondence or communication with applicants or associated parties without the consent of the CCA.

8. Reviewer pledges not to divulge any information about participants to individuals and parties outside the awards program. All information received from participants will be deemed private, sensitive material to be treated in the strictest confidence.

9. Reviewer pledges that under no circumstances will the reviewer will deliberately endorse or promote any person, party, or product/service that encourages or promotes violations of human and animal rights or any content that wantonly causes, or may cause denigration or damage to living creatures.

10. Reviewer pledges not to accept favors of any sort in exchange for preferential treatment of submissions. The Reviewer will, at all times, maintain the highest standard of honesty, integrity, and trust, including never acting in any deceitful or dishonest manner.

11. Reviewer pledges to take any measure necessary to maintain the honor and integrity of the CCA and its participants, recipients, sponsors and judges.

12. Reviewer pledges to make every effort to meet stated deadlines and to immediately inform the CCA of any reason they are unable or unwilling to fulfill their commitment.

13.  Reviewer pledges to refrain from posting reviews or comments on social media.