



2018 Frank R. Kleffner Lifetime Clinical Career Award

Nomination Deadline: April 13, 2018

About

The Frank R. Kleffner Lifetime Clinical Career Award recognizes an individual's outstanding contributions to communication sciences and disorders over a period of at least 20 years. The lifetime contributions may have been in clinical service, supervision or administration of clinical service, clinical research or any other activity that has promoted clinical excellence.

The award is given in honor of Frank R. Kleffner, a former ASHFoundation president and former ASHA president, who worked tirelessly over his lifetime, until his passing in 2015 to professionalize and expand the ASHFoundation's charitable goals.

The awardee receives a commemorative art object with a recognition plaque. The recipient will be announced and honored at the annual ASHA Convention.

Criteria for Selection

Nominees should demonstrate outstanding contributions to clinical practice under the following conditions:

1. The nominee's work may be based anywhere in the world.
2. The nominee's contributions must have been specific, over a period of 20 years or more, significantly affecting recipients of service.
3. The nominee's contributions must have altered or accelerated the course of quality of clinical care in audiology and/or speech-language pathology.
4. The nominee does not need to be a member of a professional association but should exemplify the ideals of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and its advocacy for effective human communication.

A list of Kleffner Award recipients for the last five years is provided as an appendix to this document. Information about all previous recipients is available at

<https://www.ashfoundation.org/Apply/Frank-Kleffner-Lifetime-Clinical-Career-Award-Recipients/>.

Nomination Requirements

Nominators must complete the online Nomination and Summary Form and upload the Nomination Document. Absence of requested information will automatically exclude any potential nominee from consideration.

1. Nomination and Summary Form (online)

Nominators are asked to provide the following information:

- a. Nominee's contact information
- b. Nominator's contact information
- c. A Summary Statement: In three sentences or fewer, state why you are nominating this individual, highlighting the specific achievement.

2. Nomination Document (one PDF file, limit 15 pages)

The following required components should be compiled sequentially into one PDF file.

- a. **Nomination Narrative** (addressed to "Review Panel"), *including the following two section headers* (limit 5 pages):
 - **Education and Career Summary:** A summary of the nominee's education and career, including academic and professional honors received.
 - **Specific Contributions and Significance:** A description of the nominee's specific contributions to clinical services (described in sufficient detail to distinguish these from generic activities). Describe the corresponding significance of the effects of those contributions, especially as they relate to items 2, 3, and 4 in the Criteria for Selection section.
- b. **Case for Support** (limit 10 pages): Provide evidence of support for the nomination through a minimum of three letters of recommendation. These letters should be from audiologists, speech-language pathologists, or related professionals and, where appropriate, from a recipient of services (or family member of individual served).
- c. **Nominee's Vita.** (The nominee's vita is not counted as part of the total 15-page limit and is optional; however, reviewers find this data provides context for the scope of career contributions.)

Format

All sections of the Nomination Document must be uploaded as **ONE** PDF file. Selected font should be 12 point and uncondensed, and margins should be at least 1 inch. The Nomination Document should be single-spaced and no more than 15 pages. (The nominee's vita is *not* counted as part of the 15-page limit.)

Submission Procedures

Nominations will be accepted between now and 11:59 p.m. ET on April 13, 2018. In order to submit a nomination for this award, please complete the online Nomination and Summary Form and upload your prepared Nomination Document (one PDF file).

No extensions will be granted beyond the April 13 deadline. Confirmation that your submission has been received will be sent by e-mail.

Please direct questions to the ASHFoundation at foundationprograms@asha.org or 301-296-8703.

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APPENDIX

The Kleffner Award recipients for the last five years are shown below along with a brief statement of their clinical achievements. For full descriptions, and for the names of all award recipients since inception of the program in 1986, visit <https://www.ashfoundation.org/Apply/Frank-Kleffner-Lifetime-Clinical-Career-Award-Recipients/>.

<i>Award Year</i>	<i>Recipient</i>	<i>Description of Lifetime Career Achievement</i>
2017	Jon F. Miller University of Wisconsin-Madison	For his innovative work to develop the Systematic Analysis of Language Transcripts (SALT), a computer-based coding system to analyze language samples. This tool has transformed the work of clinicians to accurately and efficiently code details of children’s language, revolutionizing a laborious manual practice that had not been previously imaginable. He was additionally honored for a model of how clinical-research collaborations can improve clinical decision-making, through his development and multi-decade implementation of the Symposium on Research in Child Language Disorders (SRCLD), supported by the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the National Institutes of Health.
2016	Catherine Gottfred Language Empowers All People	For her work to promote effective communication for children through advocacy, research, and leadership. She founded the nonprofit organization Language Empowers All People (LEAP) to advance language, literacy, and social development for children in low-resource classrooms in inner-city Chicago. The organization’s programs provide support to families and educators and provide services to allow youth to access higher education and job training.
2015	Betty McMicken California State University, Long Beach and Chapman University	For contributions to clinical service and education in medical speech-language pathology. She initiated a county-wide model to establish acute care hospital-based services for stroke patients that was eventually adapted statewide and in national centers and, through her lifetime humanitarian work, she developed volunteer speech-language pathology clinical service delivery models for those who were homeless and those with laryngeal cancer.

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2014	Robert Fifer University of Miami School of Medicine	For his contributions to clinical service, research, and teaching that span his first work in military settings to his lifetime efforts with the pediatric population. He played a guiding role on the Center for Disease Control's workgroup to establish the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention – Pediatric Audiology Links to Services, a web-based link to resources and national directory of facilities that offer pediatric audiology services to children.
2013	Audrey Holland University of Arizona	For her innovations in practice, teaching and research that transformed intervention for children and adults with neurologic disorders. She is widely known for developing the Communication Activities for Daily Living assessment which changed patient evaluation approaches, for the AphasiaBank, and for being an early champion of treatment efficacy.