The Harry L. Tomlinson Award, awarded by CARH since 1983, honors meritorious achievement by a public servant who is working to provide or manage affordable housing. The award commemorates West Virginia’s Rural Rental Housing Chief, Harry L. Tomlinson who received the award posthumously in 1983.

The selection criteria for the Harry L. Tomlinson Award will be:

1. The candidate has encouraged and promoted cooperation between the funding sources (government or other) housing providers.
2. The candidate exhibits creativity and commitment to affordable and rural rental housing.
3. The candidate has the ability to work within required regulations and policies while effectively meeting the realities and challenges or providing and preserving affordable and rural rental housing.
4. The housing production levels within the candidate’s area of responsibility or evidence of successful management of properties under the candidate’s supervision, as appropriate.
5. The candidate has letters of support from CARH members, emphasizing the quality of the letters versus the quantity.
6. The candidate has letters of support from the candidate’s colleagues.
7. Length and breath of service to the affordable rural rental housing industry.
8. The candidate’s skills extend beyond the home state. The candidate has national appeal.
9. The candidate is supportive of CARH’s state affiliated organizations, if applicable.

Nomination Packets are due to the CARH National Office by December 30, 2016. Each packet must include the following items:

1. Completed Nomination Form
2. A detailed explanation of the qualities and attributes of the individual which makes him/her a candidate
3. Additional Letters of support from CARH members and the candidate’s colleagues
4. A resume detailing the work history of the candidate