

WISCONSIN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

DENTAL EXCELLENCE

Awards

Award Descriptions and Criteria

The Wisconsin Dental Association presents awards in 10 categories. The WDA Board of Trustees will select ONE recipient per category in any given year. However, the WDA Foundation Executive Committee will select ONE recipient in any given year for the WDA Foundation Philanthropic Award.

- Lifetime Achievement
- Communications
- Community Outreach
- Friends of Dentistry
- Media Awareness
- New Dentist Leadership
- Outstanding Leadership in Mentoring
- Political Action
- WDA Award of Honor
- WDA Foundation Philanthropic Award

Lifetime Achievement

PURPOSE

- The Lifetime Achievement Award is the WDA's highest honor and recognizes an individual dentist who has given time, energy and expertise to the organizations representing dentistry throughout his/her career.

NOMINEE CRITERIA

- The Lifetime Achievement Award is given to a dentist who has accomplished the following:
 - 20 or more years of continuous membership in the WDA
 - Participation in the professional affairs of local, state, regional and/or national dental organizations
 - Has made a significant contribution to organized dentistry throughout their lifetime

Communications

PURPOSE

- To honor a dentist or team of dentists who use mass communications – ranging from news media to social media to WDA publications and more – to promote the WDA and its mission.

NOMINEE CRITERIA

- Nominees must be dentists(s) who are members in good standing of the WDA.

Community Outreach

PURPOSE

- To honor an individual, a team of individuals, or an organization that has systematically provided exceptional service to the public, of a nature that reflects great credit on the dental profession.

NOMINEE CRITERIA

- Nominees may be individuals or organizations who have contributed to dentistry in the “Purpose” section of these guidelines. Nominees need NOT be a dentist; however, all dentists who are nominated must be members of the WDA.

Friends of Dentistry

PURPOSE

- To honor an individual or organization that makes ongoing contributions to the mission of the WDA.

NOMINEE CRITERIA

- Nominees may have contributed in any combination of the following ways:
 - Material contributions to the WDA
 - Involvement in WDA programs
 - Service on a WDA committee, sub-committee or task force

Media Awareness

PURPOSE

- To recognize a member of the print or broadcast media industry for demonstrating a commitment to inform and educate the general public about the importance of oral health and/or dental-related issues in Wisconsin.

NOMINEE CRITERIA

- Nominees can be an organization, individual or team.
- Nominees should serve Wisconsin residents on a local, regional and/or statewide basis

New Dentist Leadership

PURPOSE

- To recognize the efforts of an early-career WDA member dentist for significant involvement in organized dentistry at the local, state and/or national levels.

NOMINEE CRITERIA

- Nominees must be dentists who have been out of dental school for 10 years or less who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities as they relate to new dentist issues and who are members in good standing of the WDA.

Outstanding Leadership in Mentoring

PURPOSE

- To recognize a member dentist who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in mentoring in an academic or professional setting.

NOMINEE CRITERIA

- Must be a WDA member who demonstrates outstanding mentorship ability. Supporting letters from those mentored (not to exceed two pages each) will be considered.

Political Action

PURPOSE

- To honor an individual, a team of individuals, or an organization that has increased member involvement on the grassroots level to further WDA legislative interests.

NOMINEE CRITERIA

- Nominees must have worked to promote the WDA legislative interests in one or more of the following areas:
 - Soliciting funds or contributing to WIDPAC and the Direct Giver program
 - Hosting and/or attending political action fundraisers
 - Participating in local campaign efforts
 - Coordinating letter-writing campaigns or phone trees on important issues
 - Testifying on issues of concern to the dental profession
- Nominees who are dentists must be members in good standing of the WDA.

WDA Award of Honor

PURPOSE

- To recognize individuals and organizations for contributions and activities that reflect great credit on the dental profession.

NOMINEE CRITERIA

- Nominees may have contributed to the dental profession in any of the following ways:
 - Material contributions to the Wisconsin Dental Association
 - Advancement of the art and science of dentistry
 - Provision of exceptional service to the dental community

WDA Foundation Philanthropic Award

PURPOSE

- To recognize a member of the dental community who supports the mission of the WDA Foundation.

NOMINEE CRITERIA

- Nominees may have contributed to the mission of the WDA Foundation in any of the following ways:
 - Material contributions to the WDA Foundation or other dental foundations
 - Support of projects that provide dental care for the disadvantaged
 - Involvement in WDA Foundation