



## American Osteopathic Foundation 2019 OUTSTANDING RESIDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Outstanding Resident of the Year (ROTY) Award was established to recognize and honor outstanding residents who embody a great spirit of altruism and whose combination of clinical promise, leadership, dedication and commitment to osteopathic patient-centered care, separate them from others.

In partnership with the specialty societies, the AOF's Outstanding Resident of the Year Award is given annually to honor and co-recognize outstanding residents and acknowledge professional excellence.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

During the calendar year the award is distributed, those eligible to be nominated for this award must meet the following criteria:

- Osteopathic physicians in training in their second through last year of residency or fellowship
- In good standing with the AOA
- Have a commitment to osteopathic medicine, its philosophy and principles, as demonstrated through comprehensive patient care
- Be recognized as a strong leader
- Committed to community
- Committed to the education and enrichment of self and others, including but not limited to continuing education, teaching, research and publication
- One resident will be chosen from each specialty

*Former award recipients are not eligible to reapply for the same award for a period of three years.*

### **Nomination Requirements:**

- A letter of recommendation from the nominator
- Letters of recommendation from two (2) references other than the nominator<sup>1</sup>
- Current curriculum vitae or resume from the nominee

### **Nominee Required Materials:**

---

<sup>1</sup> At least letter must be from the resident's Program Director.

If the candidate's program director is not a DO, one of the LORs must be from a practicing osteopathic physician.

- A personal statement (no more than 2 pages) illustrating why the nominee feels qualified to receive this award, focusing on the eligibility and purpose of the award and highlighting activities and/or experiences during residency
- Additional citations or materials recognizing the resident

**Award:**

A monetary award in the amount of \$5,000 will be presented to a recipient from each participating specialty each year, who has displayed their commitment to osteopathic medicine, its philosophy and principles, as demonstrated through comprehensive patient care, is recognized as an “osteopathic leader” among peers and others, commitment to the community and to the education and enrichment of self and others during their residency.

**Recognition:**

Recipients will be recognized at AOF’s annual Honors Gala, the osteopathic profession’s largest and most prestigious event. In addition, the recipients will receive travel reimbursement up to \$1,000 to help defray costs of airfare or personal auto usage, ground transportation and hotel accommodations (*up to one night stay*) to attend the AOF Honors Gala as well as one ticket to the event.

The annual Resident of the Year Award winners will be recognized in various AOF publications, on the website and through social media outlets.

**Timeline:**

<b>January</b>	All specialty societies confirm participation in program
<b>March</b>	The AOF will announce the call for applications/nominations, highlighting all of the participating specialty societies.
	AOF will provide specialty societies with press releases, social media posts and other supporting communication material.
	Specialties Societies will notify program directors of the award and encourage participation/nominations.
	Applications/ nominations will be completed online on the AOF’s website, <a href="http://www.aof.org">www.aof.org</a> .
<b>May</b>	Deadline for applications
<b>June/July</b>	Specialty Societies will receive a list of all nominees from their specialty.
	The AOF Committee on Scholarships and Awards will meet to recommend the top candidates. A representative from each specialty society will be invited to participate in this portion of the meeting. The top two candidates will be presented to the specialty societies for their final decision.
<b>August</b>	The AOF will announce the ROTY Award winners
	AOF will provide specialty societies with press releases, social media posts and other supporting communication material.

	Winner information is gathered, award disbursement is mailed and plaques are created.
<b>October</b>	2019 AOF Honors Gala (Friday, October 25th) and presentation of winners
	A specialty college representative will be asked to escort the winner on stage to receive the award.

**Review Process / Determination of Awardee:**

AOF shall call for nominations to the Executive Directors of Specialty Societies. The announcement will highlight all of the participating specialty societies.

All submissions will undergo a three-step review process. Within 10 business days of the closure of the portal, all submissions will undergo an administrative review process where each submission is reviewed for adherence to formatting requirements, completeness, and basic eligibility. Submissions that do not meet these requirements will be administratively withdrawn and will not undergo further review.

During the second step, access to the web portal will be extended to 4 representatives from AOF’s Scholarships and Awards Committee (as determined by the Committee Chair) and a representative from the respective specialty society. This committee will assess the strengths and weaknesses of each submission.

During the third and final step, the top two nominees (based on overall aggregate scoring) will be presented by email to the review committee. If the variance between the top two candidates are between 0 and 1.5 basis points (example 31.7 top candidate versus 30.9 second candidate), the committee will convene by conference call to discuss further. If the final two candidates are within 2 basis point (32.7 top candidate versus 30.7 second candidate), the winner will automatically be decided by the overall point system.

**Tracking / Stewardship:**

The award winner will be communicated with electronically by the AOF, to foster and retain a relationship. The winner will also be added to AOF e-communications, including eBlasts, newsletters, web alerts and the like. In the future, the winner may be invited to join the nominating committee and/or serve as an award reviewer. Outstanding Resident of the Year Award winners will be added to AOF’s data base and invited to support AOF’s scholarships and award program within 3 years of winning the award.