

American Osteopathic Foundation's Educator of the Year Award

Award Nomination

Established in 1997, the AOF's Educator of the Year award recognizes the critical role educators play in the development of Osteopathic medical students, residents, and the profession. This annual award was later named after W. Douglas Ward, PhD, a twenty-eight-year member of the American Osteopathic Association, a member of AOF's inaugural grant review committee, and a recognized leader throughout the Osteopathic profession.

Purpose

The Educator of the Year Award, one of the AOF's highest annual awards, recognizes one (1) Osteopathic professional who, over the past 12-24 months, has shown they consistently uphold, and raise the standards of Osteopathic medical education.

Award

A recognition award will be presented to one (1) individual who exemplifies the award's purpose.

Eligibility

- Nominee need not be a DO but must be associated with and currently involved in Osteopathic medical education
- Nominee Has made a demonstrated, significant impact on students, educators, their academic institution, the Osteopathic profession as a whole, and/or the general population.
- Nominee as long-standing (15+ years) contributions to Osteopathic medical education, and demonstrates commitment to Osteopathic medicine and the profession.
- Nominee demonstrates compassion and leadership in their role as an educator.
- Nominee exemplifies and encourages Osteopathic principles in their teachings.

Nomination Requirements

- [Completed online nomination form](#) – self nominations not accepted
- Three (3) letters of recommendation to include:
 - Letter of recommendation from the nominator
 - Letter of recommendation from a current or former employer, board member or senior official
 - Letter of recommendation from a current or former student
- The nominee's current curriculum vitae or resume that demonstrates their recent body of work supporting Osteopathic medical education (*include current memberships, Osteopathic or other*)
- A high-resolution current photo.
- Optional: Supporting documentation in the form of formal commendations, citations or awards, newspaper or magazine articles, or other media-related profiles will be accepted, but shall serve only as evidence to support the nomination

Review Process

Nominations close May 13, 2024. The award winner and their nominator will be notified by July 31, 2024.

As one of AOF's most prestigious annual awards, the 2024 Educator of the Year will be awarded their recognition at OMED, during AOF's Honors Gala, on Friday, September 20, 2024 in San Antonio, Texas. The Award winner will receive two (2) complimentary tickets, to the Gala, along with a travel stipend to defray travel and hotel accommodations associated with attending the event.

