

Edward J. Ill

Excellence in Medicine Foundation, Inc.

Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards® Guidelines for Nominations 2010

Overview

The *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards*® are awarded annually to honor those exemplary physicians and leaders whose dedication to education, research and public service have significantly impacted the delivery of healthcare in New Jersey and around the nation. This event began in 1939 at the annual meeting of the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey, and has been sponsored by MDAvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey since 2004. The awards are named after Edward J. Ill, MD, a New Jersey physician who was a pioneer in promoting continuing education in ways that set the national standard.

Awards

Edward J. Ill Physician's Award® – Presented to a New Jersey physician who merits recognition for distinguished service as a leader in the medical profession and in the community.

Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen's Award® – Presented to a citizen or group of citizens of New Jersey who merits recognition for distinguished service in advancing and promoting the health and well-being of the people of our state.

Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award – Presented to an organization that demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to improving the health and welfare of the citizens of New Jersey; and to an individual representing that organization who has personified, led and/or provided the vision for that organization.

Outstanding Medical Educator Award – Presented to a medical educator who has made an outstanding contribution to graduate or undergraduate medical education in New Jersey.

Outstanding Medical Executive Award – Presented to an executive in a medically-related organization or field, who is usually, but not necessarily, a layperson and who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the enhancement of patient care and medical practice in New Jersey.

Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Clinical Research: – Presented to an individual who has made important contributions in clinical or translational research leading to advances in disease therapy.

Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Basic Biomedical Research: – Presented to an individual who has carried out biomedical research leading to important advances in biotechnology or in the understanding of disease processes.



Nomination Process

Nominations may be submitted by any individual or group. No one may submit more than one nomination for any award, in any year. The nomination should include a letter (not more than two typewritten pages) describing the nominee's qualifications, and his or her resume or CV. Nominations for the Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award should also include information about the organization being nominated, including outcomes or benchmark data that demonstrates its impact on the community.

The Awards Committee relies on each candidate's nominator to provide the information necessary to make an informed evaluation of that candidate. Nominators should clearly identify the areas of excellence and unique contributions that demonstrate the candidate's qualifications. Nominators should notify the candidate of his or her nomination.

Award recipients are not eligible to receive the same award twice, but may be nominated for other award categories.

Members of the Awards Committee are not eligible to receive an award while they are serving on the committee, or for one year afterward; and are not permitted to submit nominations while a member of the Committee. Employees of MDA Advantage Insurance Company of New Jersey, and members of its Board of Directors, may not submit nominations or receive awards.

Renominations

Reconsideration of a nomination the following year is permitted, provided that a new and updated nomination package is submitted.

Submission of Nominations

All nomination information should be sent directly to the Chairman of the Awards Committee, at the following address:

Paul J. Hirsch, MD
Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation
c/o MDA Advantage
Two Princess Road, Suite 2
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Nominations may also be submitted electronically to jpuro@ejiawards.org.

Nominations will be accepted through **September 18, 2009**.

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Selection Criteria

The Awards Committee is comprised of an independent group of physicians and healthcare leaders who review each nomination thoroughly. The Awards Committee will select honorees from the pool of nominations received and will make a recommendation to the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation Board of Trustees. Typically, one nominee will be recommended for each category. However, if there is a particularly strong field in a category, two awardees may be selected at the Awards Committee's discretion. The Board of Trustees will have the final approval on the slate of honorees.

Selected awardees and the nominators of all candidates will be notified of the selection results by the week of **December 18, 2009**.

The award recipients will be recognized at a formal awards dinner on **May 5, 2010**. Profits from the awards dinner will be donated to a charitable organization in New Jersey.

For more information on the nomination process, the history of the *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards*[®], or a list of past recipients, log on to www.EJIawards.org or contact Janet Puro at 609-803-2350 or jpuro@EJIawards.org.