



Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards® Guidelines for Nominations 2012

Overview

The *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards*® are awarded annually to honor those exemplary physicians and leaders whose dedication to patient care, 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 MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey since 2003. 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

Each of the Foundation's Awards recognizes "excellence in medicine" as manifested in the varied ways that may significantly impact the health and well-being of our citizens in New Jersey and nationally.

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 individual who has personified, led and provided the vision for an organization, and to the organization served, for extraordinary commitment to improving the health and welfare of the citizens of New Jersey.

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 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 must include all the following materials in order for the nominee to be considered for an award.

1. A letter (not more than two typewritten pages) describing the nominee's qualifications for the specific award.
2. The nominee's resume or CV.
3. Written confirmation that the nominator has notified the candidate of his or her nomination for an award; and that if selected, the candidate has agreed to accept the award.
4. Nominations for the Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award should also contain information about the organization being nominated, including outcomes or benchmark data that demonstrates the organization's 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. The nominator should clearly identify the areas of excellence and unique contributions that demonstrate the candidate's qualifications.

Eligibility

Nominees should be residents of New Jersey, and/or the professional activities for which they are nominated should have been performed in New Jersey; and should meet the criteria for the Award for which they are nominated (as described above).

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 MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey, and members of its Board of Directors, may not submit nominations or receive awards.

Renominations

Resubmission of a nomination the following year, or in any subsequent 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 MDAdvantage
Two Princess Road, Suite 2
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Nominations may also be submitted electronically to Janet Puro at jpuro@EJIAwards.org.

Nominations will be accepted through **August 19, 2011**.

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 and 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.

The Awards Committee has broad discretion; and may re-assign a nominee to an Award other than the one recommend by the nominator.

Selected awardees and the nominators of all candidates will be notified of the selection results by the week of **December 12, 2011**.

The award recipients will be recognized at a formal awards dinner on **May 2, 2012**. The selected honoree for each award must agree to be present at the Awards dinner on May 2, 2012.

Profits from the awards dinner will be dedicated to the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund.

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.