



Awards Program

The American College of Emergency Physicians Awards Program has been developed for one reason: *to recognize leadership and excellence.*

The program provides an opportunity to recognize all members for significant professional contributions as well as service to the College.

All members of ACEP are eligible to participate in one or more of the College's award programs.

The ACEP Awards Program is yours. It succeeds only when you take an active role. The method of entry has been made as easy as possible.

Award recipients will be informed by June 1, 2019, and will be honored at the President's Awards Gala during the College's annual meeting, in Denver, CO, on October 26, 2019. In addition, ACEP will publicize the award recipients in official ACEP communications will recognize them at various venues during *ACEP19*.

Please examine the Awards Program information carefully and use the convenient electronic entry form for applications and nominations. All entries must be submitted by **March 1, 2019**, to be considered by the Awards Committee. Receipt of each nomination will be confirmed by e-mail. Please follow up if you do not receive a confirmation.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ellen Fletcher, CPC, CEDC at mfletcher@acep.org or at (800) 798-1822, extension 3145.

JOHN G. WIEGENSTEIN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Purpose

The John G. Wiegenstein Leadership Award is presented to a current or past national ACEP leader – member of the Board of Directors or officer of the Council – for outstanding contributions to the College. The award is named after John G. Wiegenstein, MD, a founding member and the first president of ACEP. Dr. Wiegenstein represents the epitome of leadership, both personal and professional. He served for five years as the College's first delegate to the American Medical Association and he also served as president of the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

Award

The Wiegenstein Award is a walnut plaque featuring an etched portrait of the recipient. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters. By virtue of receiving this award, the recipient is not required to pay dues or registration fees for the annual meeting.

Criteria

Any member of the College may nominate a past or current member of the Board of Directors or officer of the Council for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College.

The nominee should have made an outstanding contribution to ACEP by significantly helping to achieve one or more of the College's purposes and objectives. The nominee should serve as a role model for College members, and his/her personal leadership attributes should include, but are not limited to: inspiration, innovation, diplomacy, planning, organization, management and administration, arbitration, consensus building, and decision making.

Recipients of this award are ineligible to receive awards in other categories of the Awards Program.

Past Recipients

1975	John Wiegenstein	1989	Bruce Janiak	2007	Arthur L. Kellermann
1976	James Mills, Jr.	1991	Jacek Franaszek	2008	George W. Molzen
1977	R.R. Hannas, Jr.	1992	Robert Anzinger	2009	Robert E. Suter
1978	Harris Graves	1994	Michael Bresler	2010	E. Jackson Allison, Jr.
1979	Ronald Krome	1995	Robert Williams	2011	Frederick C. Blum
1980	George Podgorny	1996	John B. McCabe	2012	Michael L. Carius
1981	Karl Mangold	1998	Gregory L. Henry	2013	Mark L. DeBard
1982	William Haeck	1999	Larry A. Bedard	2014	J. Brian Hancock
1983	Ben Moore	2000	Dennis Whitehead	2015	Angela F. Gardner
1983	John Rupke	2001	Nancy J. Auer	2016	Linda L. Lawrence
1984	B. Ken Gray	2002	Michael D. Bishop	2017	Brian F. Keaton
1985	Leonard Riggs, Jr.	2003	John C. Moorhead	2018	Nicholas J. Jouriles
1986	John McDade	2004	Robert W. Schafermeyer		
1987	H. Arnold Muller	2005	Michael T. Rapp		
1988	Brooks Bock	2006	Richard L. Stennes		

Entry Procedures

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Judging

The Awards Committee will judge the entries, with its recommendations subject to review by the ACEP Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final, and the Board reserves the right to make no award if there are no nominees of sufficient merit. The award will be presented at the annual President's Awards Gala.

JAMES D. MILLS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO EMERGENCY MEDICINE AWARD

Purpose

The James D. Mills Outstanding Contribution to Emergency Medicine Award is presented to a regular member for significant contributions to emergency medicine. This award is named after the late James D. Mills, Jr, MD, the second president of the College. Dr. Mills practiced emergency medicine in Alexandria, Virginia, for many years, and is commonly referred to as a designer of the “Alexandria Plan” for staffing emergency facilities with full-time practitioners of emergency medicine.

Award

The Mills Award is a walnut plaque featuring an etched portrait of the recipient. The recipient’s name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Criteria

Any member of the College may nominate himself/herself or another member for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College.

The nominee should have made a significant contribution to emergency medicine through a variety of avenues, including College committee service. Examples of significant contributions to the specialty include, but are not limited to: improved patient care delivery modes, cost containment, quality of care improvements, disaster planning, improved EMS organization, and public education. **Recipients of this award are ineligible to receive awards in other categories of the Awards Program.**

Past Recipients

1978	Reinald Leidelmeyer	1991	Richard Stennes	2006	Toni A. Mitchell
1979	Mark Lindsey	1992	Ronald Hellstern	2007	Peter L. Sawchuk
1980	Astor Jenkins	1993	Don B. Cohen	2008	Richard F. Edlich
1981	Judith Tintinalli	1994	John Lumpkin	2009	Bruce S. Auerbach
1982	Carl Jelenko, III	1994	Michael Trainor	2010	Charles F. Pattavina
1982	John Rogers	1995	Ellen Taliaferro	2011	John Skienzielewski
1983	David Wagner	1996	Gail Anderson, Sr.	2012	C. James Holliman
1984	Peter Rosen	1997	Dighton Packard	2013	Diana L. Fite
1985	C.C. Roussi	1998	Kenneth DeHart	2014	David P. Sklar
1985	John van de Leuv	1999	Charlotte Yeh	2015	Robert W. Strauss
1986	Ronald Stewart	2000	Michael Weinstock	2016	Lewis R. Goldfrank
1987	Ronald Krome	2001	Douglas Hill	2017	Wesley A. Curry
1988	Harold Jayne	2002	Joseph F. Waeckerle	2018	Thom A. Mayer
1988	George Podgorny	2003	James Hayes		
1989	Joseph McKean	2004	Roger Barkin		
1990	Michael Bishop	2005	Louise B. Andrew		

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Judging

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JUDITH E. TINTINALLI AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION IN EDUCATION

Purpose

The Judith E. Tintinalli Award for Outstanding Contribution in Education is presented to an ACEP member who has made a significant contribution to the educational aspects of the specialty.

Award

The Education Award features the recipient's name and the ACEP logo on a sterling agate and gray marble diamante award. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Criteria

Any member of the College may nominate himself/herself or another member for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College.

The nominee should have made an outstanding contribution to academic emergency medicine. Examples might include: advancement of emergency medicine through educational activities, truly outstanding teacher who has made a major educational impact on the specialty, development of teaching tools (books, other publications, audiovisuals, teaching approaches), outstanding role in emergency medicine resident education, and dedicated commitment to and action toward high-quality emergency medicine education.

Past Recipients

1989	Robert Dailey	2004	Marianne Gausche-Hill
1990	Judith Tintinalli	2005	Glenn C. Hamilton
1991	Ernest Ruiz	2006	Gloria J. Kuhn
1992	Douglas Rund	2007	Ron M. Walls
1993	W. Richard Bukata	2008	Earl Reisdorff
1993	John Moorhead	2008	Brian Zink
1994	Peter Rosen	2009	Mary Jo Wagner
1995	Robert Hockberger	2010	Alfred D. Sacchetti
1996	Jerome Hoffman	2011	Cherri Hobgood
1997	Vincent Marcovchick	2012	David S. Howes
1998	Allan Wolfson	2013	Amal Mattu
1999	Paul Auerbach	2013	Jeffrey Tabas
1999	Robert Strauss, Jr.	2014	William K. Mallon
2000	John A. Marx	2015	Mel Herbert
2001	Donald Yealy	2016	James R. Roberts
2002	Richard M. Cantor	2017	Francis L. Counselman
2003	Diane Birnbaumer	2018	Corey M. Slovis

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Judging

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AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION IN RESEARCH

Purpose

The Award for Outstanding Contribution in Research is presented to an ACEP member who has made a significant contribution to research in emergency medicine.

Award

The Research Award features the recipient's name and the ACEP logo on a sterling agate and gray marble diamante award. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Criteria

Any member of the College may nominate himself/herself or another member for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College.

The nominee should have made an outstanding contribution to research in emergency medicine as demonstrated in accomplishments. Examples might include: outstanding research, research innovation, published original research, or a major and lasting research contribution.

Past Recipients

1986	James Niemann	2005	Emanuel P. Rivers
1987	Richard Nowak	2006	Jeffrey A. Kline
1988	Blaine White	2006	Adam J. Singer
1990	Charles Brown	2007	Robert W. Neumar
1992	William Spivey	2008	Tom Aufderheide
1993	Gabor Kelen	2009	Donald M. Yealy
1994	Gary Krause	2010	Roger J. Lewis
1995	W. Brian Gibler	2011	Nathan Kuppermann
1996	Norman Abramson	2012	Ian G. Stiell
1997	Michelle Biros	2013	Brian J. O'Neil
1998	Charles Emerman	2014	Lance B. Becker
1999	Charles Pollack, Jr.	2015	Clifton W. Callaway
2000	Charles Cairns	2015	Daniel W. Spaite
2001	Judd Hollander	2016	Carlos A. Camargo, Jr.
2002	Edward A. Panacek	2017	Edward C. Jauch
2003	Arthur Sanders	2018	Lynne D. Richardson
2004	William Barsan		

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Judging

The Awards Committee will judge the entries, with its recommendations subject to review by the ACEP Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final, and the Board reserves the right to make no award if there are no nominees of sufficient merit. The award will be presented at the Research Forum luncheon, held in conjunction with the annual meeting. The recipient will also be recognized at the President's Awards Gala.

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION IN EMS

Purpose

The Award for Outstanding Contribution in EMS is presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution in EMS of national significance or application.

Award

The EMS Award features a star of life insignia with antique bronze casting. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Criteria

Any member of the College may nominate himself/herself or an individual that has made an outstanding contribution in the area of EMS of national significance and/or an outstanding contribution to the development, promotion, maturation or education of EMS on a state or national level with related national significance or application.

The individual may be an ACEP member physician with a minimum five years of membership or a non-physician with at least 10 years of EMS activity.

Past Recipients

1989	John Campbell	2005	Paul E. Pepe
1990	William Roush	2006	John C. Sacra
1991	Paul Paris	2007	Robert R. Bass
1992	Steven Davidson	2008	Drew Dawson
1993	Peter Pons	2009	John W. (Bill) Jermyn
1994	Stanley Zydlo, Jr.	2010	Marvin A. Wayne
1995	John C. Johnson	2011	Debra G. Perina
1996	Richard Slevinski	2012	Raymond L. Fowler
1997	Daniel Storer	2013	Daniel G. Hankins
1998	Jon Krohmer	2014	Marianne Gausche-Hill
1999	Robert Swor	2015	James V. Dunford, Jr.
2000	Richard Hunt	2016	Julette M. Saussy
2001	Marilyn Gifford	2017	Salvatore Silvestri
2002	Ricardo Martinez	2018	David E. Persse
2003	Mark Henry		
2004	James Page		

Entry Procedures

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Judging

The Awards Committee will judge the entries, with its recommendations subject to review by the ACEP Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final, and the Board reserves the right to make no award if there are no nominees of sufficient merit. The award will be presented at the annual EMS Section luncheon during the annual meeting. The recipient will also be recognized at the annual President's Awards Gala.

COUNCIL MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Purpose

The Council Meritorious Service Award is presented to a member of the College who has served as a councillor or alternate councillor and has made consistent contributions to the growth and maturation of the ACEP Council. The ACEP Council is the forum in which chapter and section of membership representatives both elect and provide guidance to the Board of Directors.

Award

The Council Meritorious Service Award is a walnut plaque featuring the Council logo. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP headquarters.

Criteria

Any member of the College may nominate a past or current councillor or alternate councillor for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College. The nominee's contributions to the Council should include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: Steering Committee membership; reference committee participation; participation on other Council committees; resolution development and debate; longevity as a councillor; or service as a Council officer.

Past Recipients

1986	Jack Page	2002	Louise Andrew
1987	Ronald Crowell	2002	Nicholas Jouriles
1988	Peter Fahrney	2003	Marsha Ford
1989	Pamela Bensen	2004	Arlo Weltge
1990	John Rupke	2005	Peter J. Jacoby
1991	Tina Blair	2005	Robert C. Solomon
1992	Stephen Cantrill	2006	Mark L. DeBard
1992	Edward Draper	2007	Diana L. Fite
1992	Paul Pomeroy	2008	Charles Henrichs
1993	Marvin Leibovich	2009	Robert T. Malinowski
1994	Peter Sawchuk	2010	David E. Wilcox
1995	James Antinori	2011	Marilyn J. Heine
1996	Ronald Krome	2012	James D. Thompson
1997	Michael Bresler	2013	Robert M. Roth
1998	Dennis Whitehead	2014	Catherine A. Marco
1999	Brian Keaton	2015	Andrew I. Bern
1999	David Overton	2016	Marco Coppola
2000	Stephen Groth	2017	Kelly Gray-Eurom
2000	John Lumpkin	2018	James C. Mitchiner
2001	Michael Hill		
2001	Mark Lindsey		

Entry Procedures

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Judging

The Council Awards Committee, consisting of current and past councillors appointed by the Speaker, will judge the entries. The decision of the judges is final, and the judges reserve the right to make no award if there are no nominees of sufficient merit. The award will be presented at the annual Council Awards Luncheon. The recipient will also be recognized at the annual President's Awards Gala.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Purpose

The Honorary Membership Award is presented to an individual who has rendered outstanding service to the College or to the specialty of emergency medicine.

Award

The Honorary Membership Award is a framed certificate. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters. The recipient is considered a lifelong member of the College, is not required to pay any dues, and cannot vote or hold office but receives all other benefits and privileges of membership.

Criteria

Any member of the College, or any component body, may nominate persons of distinction who have rendered outstanding service to the College or to the specialty of emergency medicine. **Candidates for honorary membership cannot be currently eligible for other categories of College membership.** National ACEP staff are eligible for nomination only after leaving employment from ACEP. Chapter executives are eligible for nomination only after leaving employment from the chapter.

The nominee should have made an outstanding contribution to ACEP by significantly helping to achieve one or more of the College's purposes and objectives. The nominee should serve as a role model for College members, and his/her personal attributes should include, but are not limited to: inspiration, innovation, diplomacy, planning, organization, management and administration, arbitration, consensus building, and decision making.

Past Recipients

1969	Richard D. Mudd	2002	Michael E. Gallery	2011	Leah Heimbach
1979	Peter Safar	2002	Barbara Wallace Trainor	2012	Bernadette Carr
1981	Edward Abson	2003	John Moskop	2012	Edward R. Gaines, III
1981	David Caro	2004	Arthur Cooper	2012	E. Nicholas Kestner, III
1981	John Collins	2005	Mary Ann Reinhart	2013	Caral Edelberg
1983	Cyril T. M. Cameron	2005	Iris Wiegenstein	2014	Phyllis L. Edans
1983	William H. Rutherford	2006	David Blunk	2015	W. Calvin Chaney
1984	Carl Jelenko, III	2006	Gwen Messler-Harry	2015	Marilyn Bromley
1984	Bill B. Smiley	2006	Elaine Jastram	2015	Virginia Kennedy Palys
1985	David Wilson	2007	David Zabel	2016	Beth P. Brunner
1988	Kathryn M. Dykgraaf	2008	Beverly Lynch	2016	Barbara Burgess
1990	David Williams	2008	Joy Zimmer	2017	Patty Stowe
1991	Benson S. Munger	2009	James E. Coles	2017	Laura L. Tiberi
1992	John H. Harris	2009	Ernest E. Moore, Jr.	2017	Gordon Wheeler
1993	Maj Gen Norman Kirby	2010	Janet Goldberg	2018	Marjorie Geist
1997	Sandra L. Riggins	2010	Diane K. Bollman	2018	Barbara M. Tomar
1998	Colin C. Rorrie, Jr.	2011	Art Auer		

Entry Procedures

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Judging

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COLIN C. RORRIE, JR., PHD AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH POLICY

Purpose

The Colin C. Rorrie, Jr, PhD Award for Excellence in Health Policy is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to achieving the health policy objectives of the College and/or who has demonstrated outstanding skills, talent, and commitment as an administrative or political leader. Dr. Rorrie served the College as Executive Director from 1982 to 2003 and was instrumental in encouraging and guiding the Board of Directors to develop and implement a strategic planning process with focused priority objectives. Additionally, he was instrumental in the development of ACEP's Washington office and in elevating the stature of emergency medicine's advocacy efforts. He understood the importance of ACEP's participation in a public policy agenda as it applies to emergency medicine and healthcare.

Award

The Rorrie Award is a cherry plaque with a gold back plate, black center plate, and a gold brass top plate etched with the ACEP logo and the recipient's name. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Criteria

Any member of the College, or any component body, may nominate persons of distinction who have rendered outstanding service to the College or to the medical profession.

The nominee should have made an outstanding contribution to medical health policy or administration by: significantly helping to advance a health policy agenda supportive to medicine and medical care; or development or unceasing support of legislation and/or regulations that enhance access to emergency medicine in particular and healthcare in general; or exemplary performance as a physician or non-physician administrator in medicine and health care; or making outstanding contributions to organized medicine.

Past Recipients

2004	Colin C. Rorrie, Jr.	2012	Todd B. Taylor
2005	Peter Viccellio	2013	Wesley Fields
2006	David M. Siegel	2014	Lynne D. Richardson
2007	Robert W. Kottman	2015	James C. Mitchiner
2008	Dennis M. Beck	2016	Marilyn J. Heine
2009	John R. Lumpkin	2017	Nathaniel R. Schlicher
2010	R. Myles Riner	2018	L. Anthony Cirillo
2011	Daniel J. Sullivan		

Entry Procedures

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Judging

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POLICY PIONEER AWARD

Purpose

The Policy Pioneer Award recognizes early and mid-career members who have made outstanding contributions to the College's health policy and advocacy initiatives.

Award

The Policy Pioneer Award is a plaque featuring the recipient's name and the ACEP logo. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Criteria

Any member of the College may nominate himself/herself or another member for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College within their first 10 years of practice following residency or fellowship.

The nominee should have made an outstanding contribution early in their career to medical health policy or administration by: significantly helping to advance a health policy agenda supportive to medicine and medical care; or development or unceasing support of legislation and/or regulations that enhance access to emergency medicine in particular and healthcare in general; or exemplary performance as a physician or non-physician administrator in medicine and health care; or making outstanding contributions to organized medicine. **Previous recipients of the Colin C. Rorrie Jr., PhD Award for Excellence in Health Policy are not eligible to receive this award.**

Past Recipients

2018 Anne Zink

Entry Procedures

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Judging

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JOHN A. RUPKE LEGACY AWARD

Purpose

The John A. Rupke Legacy Award is presented to a current College member for outstanding lifetime contributions to the College. In recognition of longevity and unwavering dedication to the College, the Legacy Award is given in honor of John A. Rupke, MD, one of the initial founding members of the College.

Award

The Rupke Award is a handblown glass sculpture featuring the ACEP logo and name of the recipient. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters. By virtue of receiving this award, the recipient is not required to pay dues or registration fees for the annual meeting.

Criteria

Any member of the College may nominate a member for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College.

The nominee must have been a member of the College for more than 25 years, and during that time have served the College as an active leader making sustained contributions either in the local, state or national emergency medicine communities as a consensus builder, with humanitarianism, and as an advocate for the profession. The member must have also demonstrated exceptional commitment of time and dedication to emergency medicine and to improving the care of emergency patients. This devotion and persistence over such a span of time exemplifies the true spirit of what has shaped our specialty and infused it with enthusiasm and unstoppable drive. Recipients of this award are bestowed our appreciation and gratitude for their contribution in furthering our goal as a College to serve our members and the patients for whom they provide care. **Previous recipients of the Wiegenstein or Mills awards are not eligible to receive this award.**

Past Recipients

2010	Pamela P. Bensen
2011	Sanford H. Herman
2012	Lawrence M. Lewis
2013	Paul A. Pomeroy
2014	Arlo F. Weltge
2015	Stephen V. Cantrill
2016	Kathleen Cowling
2017	A. Compton Broders
2018	David E. Wilcox

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Judging

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PAMELA P. BENSEN TRAILBLAZER AWARD

Purpose

The Pamela P. Bensen Trailblazer Award is presented to a current College member for seminal contributions over time to the growth of the College and to the specialty of emergency medicine. The award is named after Pamela P. Bensen, MD, a charter member of ACEP and the first woman resident in emergency medicine (1971). She was also the first woman elected to the national ACEP Board of Directors and served from 1982-88. Dr. Bensen pioneered innovations in ACEP's governance, developed the first emergency medicine group and the first paramedic training program in Maine, and was an early adopter of data analysis to improve clinical care in the emergency department (1980s).

Award

The Bensen Award is a walnut plaque featuring an etched portrait of the recipient. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters. By virtue of receiving this award, the recipient is not required to pay dues or registration fees for the annual meeting.

Criteria

Any member of the College may nominate himself/herself or another member for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College for 10 or more years.

The nominee should have made and achieved a number of seminal contributions and accomplishments to the growth of the American College of Emergency Physicians and to the specialty of Emergency Medicine through a variety of avenues, including but not limited to: clinical, organizational, administrative, educational, governmental, political, prehospital and other venues. These contributions and accomplishments should demonstrate foresight and leading-edge thinking, at times requiring courage to prevail over customary attitudes and methods, resulting in solid achievements. The nominee should have demonstrated these attributes repeatedly over a period of years. **Previous recipients of the Wiegenstein, Mills or Rupke Awards are not eligible to receive this award. Recipients of this award are ineligible to receive awards in other categories of the Awards Program.**

Past Recipients

Entry Procedures

Any member of the College may nominate himself/herself or another member by submitting a completed nomination form. Submit the nomination form, nominee's curriculum vitae, and up to 3 letters of support by e-mail to [designated ACEP staff; staff email]. Letters of support are greatly encouraged and are at the discretion of the nominator. Additionally, a nominee should have only one nomination whether from an individual or a component body. All entries must be submitted no later than **March 1, 2019**, for consideration by the Awards Committee. Receipt of each nomination will be confirmed by e-mail. Please follow up with Mary Ellen Fletcher if you do not receive a confirmation.

Judging

The Awards Committee will judge the entries, with its recommendations subject to review by the ACEP Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final, and the Board reserves the right to make no award if there are no nominees of sufficient merit. The award will be presented at the annual President's Awards Gala.

If you have questions about any of the awards or the nomination process, please contact Mary Ellen Fletcher at mfletcher@acep.org or 800-798-1822, ext. 3145.