

OHIO ACOFP

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AWARDS PROGRAM

GENERAL CRITERIA

Ohio ACOFP awards are designed to recognize Ohio DOs who exhibit the exemplary characteristics of an osteopathic family physician. These include compassion, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to osteopathic philosophy, patient care, community involvement, education, and enrichment of self and others. Categories and specific criteria are listed below.

Per action at the February 2010 Ohio ACOFP Board of Governors meeting, **Board members and officers are eligible for the Young Family Physician of the Year and Resident of the Year awards only. Nominees for the Family Physician of the Year and Distinguished Service awards shall not be a current member of the Ohio ACOFP Board or an officer.**

Unless otherwise noted, awards are presented at the Family Medicine Day luncheon at the annual Ohio Osteopathic Symposium held in April-May.

PROCESS

- Members of the Ohio ACOFP Board, OOA Board, District Academies, and FPRPAC Program Directors should be contacted in January of each year to solicit nominations. The deadline is dependent on the Symposium and Ohio ACOFP Board meeting dates for each year, though as a general guideline nominations should be received by February 1.
- A call for nominations should be placed in *News & Views* and announced in the *Buckeye* and *OSTEOFAX*; however, references for such nominees should be checked if the nominee is not known to any member of the Ohio ACOFP Board.
- A nomination form shall be available.
- The Ohio ACOFP Board shall select all winners in executive session.
- Selection should be made during a regularly-scheduled or special Board meeting where a majority of members are present to ensure that all nominees are appropriately considered and discussed.
- All remarks made during discussions and resulting decisions should be kept confidential by each participating Board member.
- The Family Physician of the Year award should be given as a surprise to the recipient, and a designated Board member is responsible for making sure the winner is present during the Family Medicine Day luncheon to accept the award.
- A plaque and/or monetary award, as determined by the Board, should be given.

- Recognition should appear in *News & Views*, *Buckeye Osteopathic Physician*, *OSTEOFAX*, and news releases should be sent to the award recipients' community newspaper(s) and appropriate alumni and osteopathic society publications.

FAMILY PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

- Must be in active practice.
- Must have been in practice 10 years or more.
- Must be a member in good standing of ACOFP, Ohio ACOFP, AOA, OOA and local academy.
- First presented in 1971.
- The winner is NOT notified in advance of the presentation.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

- Given to an individual who has made a life-long contribution to the osteopathic profession as a family physician.
- Selected by the Ohio ACOFP Board from time to time as deemed appropriate.
- Recipient may be retired from active practice.
- First awarded at the 2003 Ohio ACOFP Fall Seminar.

YOUNG FAMILY PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

- In practice in Ohio less than 5 years.
- Must be a member in good standing of the ACOFP, Ohio ACOFP, OOA, and local academy.
- First awarded at the 2003 Ohio ACOFP Fall Seminar.

FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

- Must be a FP resident in an AOA-approved Ohio program.
- Must be nominated by a FP program director via a letter of nomination accompanied by CV.
- Residency directors should submit a nomination letter, along with CV, illustrating how the nominee demonstrates the qualities listed on the previous page (first paragraph).
- First awarded at the 2003 Ohio ACOFP Fall Seminar.

RESIDENT PAPER AWARDS

- These awards are presented annually by Ohio ACOFP and the Family Practice Residency Program Advisory Committee (FP-RPAC) of the Centers for Osteopathic Research & Education (CORE).
- Open to CORE family practice residents.
- The FP-RPAC Office facilitates the process by establishing criteria, notifying residents, receiving the papers, and organizing the judging.
- Ohio ACOFP Board members are included in the judging/selection committee.
- The awards carry a cash prize: Best CME Paper (\$1,000); Best Academic Paper (\$1,000); and two runners-up (\$500 each) in each category.
- In 2006, a rotation of funders was established to include Brentwood Foundation (2006), Ohio Osteopathic Foundation (2007), Osteopathic Heritage Foundations (2008), OOF and Brentwood (2009). Past underwriters include Ohio ACOFP and Aventis Pharmaceuticals.

STUDENT AWARDS

- Recipient is selected by the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-COM) Family Practice Department, which administers the award.
- Winner receives a plaque, family practice textbook, and a \$75 cash award.
- Presented annually at the OU-COM Distinguished Osteopathic Commitment (DOC) Awards ceremony, which is generally held in April.
- The Ohio ACOFP president or designee is invited to the ceremony to present the award.