Call for Nominations

Awards 2016

MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY
Every physician matters, each patient counts.
The Massachusetts Medical Society and its Committee on Recognition Awards are currently seeking nominations for the 2016 Annual Awards Program. The Society is proud to sponsor these prestigious awards as a way to highlight and recognize outstanding contributions to the health and well-being of patients in the Commonwealth, throughout the country, and around the world. Current award offerings include:

MMS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
SPECIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MEDICAL SERVICE
AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY

Committee/Section Awards:
GRANT V. RODKEY, MD, AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEDICAL EDUCATION
HENRY INGERSOLL BOWDITCH AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN MEDICINE AWARD
LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER (LGBT) HEALTH AWARD
MEDICAL STUDENT HISTORY ESSAY AWARD
MEDICAL STUDENT SCHOLAR AWARDS
MEN'S HEALTH AWARD
REDUCING HEALTH DISPARITIES AWARD
SENIOR VOLUNTEER PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD
WOMAN PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD
WOMEN'S HEALTH AWARD
WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH AWARD

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MMS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society for lasting contributions to the practice of medicine and service to the Society. This awardee receives a $5,000 honorarium. Each nominee must have made a lasting contribution to the practice of medicine over the course of his or her lifetime in the areas of health care delivery, patient care, education, and/or administration.

SPECIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MEDICAL SERVICE
The Special Award for Excellence in Medical Service recognizes a Massachusetts physician who has made a remarkable demonstration of compassion and dedication to the medical needs of patients and/or a community or has demonstrated a significant act of heroism.

AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY
The Award for Distinguished Service to the MMS was created to recognize a member of the MMS who has made significant contributions to the goals of the Society through demonstrated leadership, member recruitment, committee work, or other endeavors.

GRANT V. RODKEY, MD, AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEDICAL EDUCATION
The Grant V. Rodkey, MD, Award recognizes physicians who have made significant contributions to medical students, both in the hospital and in organized medicine.
Nominations for this award must come from medical student members of the MMS or be co-sponsored by medical student members of the MMS.

HENRY INGERSOLL BOWDITCH AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH
The Henry Ingersoll Bowditch Award recognizes a Massachusetts physician who has demonstrated outstanding initiative, creativity, and leadership in the field of public health outreach and advocacy. Each nominee must have outstanding public health achievements beyond his or her primary professional activity.

APPLICATION INFORMATION
Nominees must either practice medicine in or reside in Massachusetts and be a member of the MMS in good standing. Exceptions may be made with regard to MMS membership if warranted.
Each nomination must include an application, a current curriculum vitae or biographical sketch of the nominee, and two seconding letters from Society members.
To obtain an application, go to www.massmed.org/awards2016.
For more information, please contact Karen Harrison at (781) 434-7463 or kharrison@mms.org.
Applications due by December 2, 2015.
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN MEDICINE AWARD

The Information Technology in Medicine Award honors medical students and residents who have completed functioning projects in the past year that use technology to assist physicians in the practice of medicine, in teaching medicine, or in the pursuit of clinical research. The chosen applicant in each category is awarded a prize of $3,000.

Each nominee must be a student, resident, or fellow enrolled in one of the four Massachusetts medical schools or in a Massachusetts hospital training program at the time of submission.

Additional information and applications for the Information Technology in Medicine Award can be found online at www.massmed.org/cit_award.

For more information, please contact Leon Barzin at (781) 434-7048 or lbarzin@mms.org.

Applications due by midnight on Sunday, October 25, 2015. Candidates who are selected as finalists must be available to present at the MMS headquarters in Waltham in early December.

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER (LGBT) HEALTH AWARD

The LGBT Health Award recognizes a medical student or physician who has made outstanding contributions to LGBT health.

Each submission must include a nomination application, two seconding letters from Society members, and a current curriculum vitae. Nominees must either practice medicine in or reside in Massachusetts and be a member of the MMS in good standing. Exceptions may be made with regard to MMS membership, if warranted.

The Committee on LGBT Matters selects the nominee from the candidates nominated. To obtain an application, please go to www.massmed.org/awards2016.

For more information, please contact Karen Harrison at (781) 434-7463 or kharrison@mms.org.


MEDICAL STUDENT HISTORY ESSAY AWARD

The Committee on History honors a medical student for the best research essay related to the history of medicine or public health in Massachusetts since the initiation of the MMS in 1781. Suggested topics include initiatives that have improved the public’s health, or a close analysis of particular moments in medical discovery, diagnostics, therapeutics, education, research, or institutional evolution. The article should be original, tightly argued, and well-referenced. $1,000 award. Mentors available.

Additional information and applications can be found online at www.massmed.org/awards2016.

For more information, please contact Karen Harrison at (781) 434-7463 or kharrison@mms.org.

One-page summary due by November 2, 2015. Final essays due by December 1, 2015.

MEDICAL STUDENT SCHOLAR AWARDS

Through the annual Scholar Awards Program, one $10,000 award is presented to four students from the following schools: Boston University School of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Tufts University School of Medicine, and the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

Each nominee must be a member of the MMS, enrolled in a medical school in Massachusetts, and expected to graduate in 2016.

Applications are available in the Office of Student Affairs in early October at each medical school. In addition to completing an application, each candidate must obtain three letters of reference and participate in a personal interview.

For more information, please contact Thelma Tatten at (781) 434-7305 or ttatten@mms.org.

Applications due by January 15, 2016.

All awards are ratified by the Committee on Awards.
MEN'S HEALTH AWARD
The Men's Health Award recognizes an individual who has advanced medicine related to men's health. The Committee on Men's Health selects the nominee from the candidates nominated. A nomination application form, accompanied by a curriculum vitae or resume, must be submitted for committee review, along with a seconding letter. Applications are available at www.massmed.org/awards2016.

For more information, please contact James Dziobek at (781) 434-7227 or jdziobek@mms.org.

Applications due by November 9, 2015.

REDUCING HEALTH DISPARITIES AWARD
The Reducing Health Disparities Award recognizes an individual who made outstanding contributions to reducing health disparities due to race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, age, education, disability, geographic location, sexual orientation, and other determinants.

Nominees must either practice medicine in Massachusetts or reside in the state and be a member of the MMS in good standing. Additionally, each nomination must include a nomination application, two seconding letters from Society members, and a current curriculum vitae. Exceptions may be made with regard to MMS membership, if warranted.

The Committee on Diversity in Medicine selects the nominee from the candidates nominated.

For more information, please contact Robyn Alie at (781) 434-7371 or ralie@mms.org.

Applications due by October 30, 2015.

WOMEN IN MEDICINE AWARDS
The Committee on Women in Medicine has established three awards to honor physicians for exceptional leadership and/or contributions to advancements in women's health.

• The Woman Physician Leadership Award recognizes a woman physician for outstanding leadership, professional contributions, and being a role model.

• The Women's Health Award recognizes an individual for outstanding contributions advancing Women's Health in Massachusetts.

• The Women's Health Research Award recognizes an individual for outstanding contributions advancing Women's Health Research in Massachusetts.

Candidates are nominated by their peers and selected by the Committee on Women in Medicine. Nominations must include an awards nomination application, a current curriculum vitae, and two supporting letters. Preference will be given for actions that advance MMS goals. To obtain an application, go to www.massmed.org/awards2016.

For more information, please contact Erin Tally at (781) 434-7413 or etally@mms.org.

Applications due by November 13, 2015.