



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS FOUNDATION

PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

Award Background

Donor Recognition is vital to thank contributors and to ensure increasing support for an organization. Recognition of philanthropy to the AAFP Foundation is important to remind our members of the direct impact that their financial support and involvement have on the success of the national programs and the ability to effectively serve the AAFP Foundation's mission:

The American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation advances the values of Family Medicine through humanitarian, educational, and scientific philanthropy dedicated to improving health.

A fully integrated recognition program moves the donor along a path of heightened awareness and involvement. At the pinnacle of the AAFP Foundation national recognition program is the identification of an individual(s) or couple(s) who exemplify the spirit of philanthropy through extraordinary support of Family Medicine. *The AAFP Foundation Philanthropist of the Year Award (POY)* is given from time to time by the AAFP Foundation to people who set a standard of excellence that is an inspiration for others to follow.

Criteria and Content of Application

1. **The award is presented to individual(s) who meets the following criteria at a high standard:**
 - **Shows financial support** – Evidence of direct gift support to the specialty of Family Medicine through the AAFP Foundation. The expectation is that the nominee will have been at the President's Club level (\$1,000) or above for the given year.
 - **Volunteers and/or is in a leadership role** – Description of the volunteer or leadership role that helped the AAFP Foundation achieve its mission.
 - **Encourages philanthropy in others** – Description of how the nominee has encouraged philanthropy in other AAFP members in support of the AAFP Foundation and its mission.
 - **Is philanthropic in his/her community** – Description of the nominee's other philanthropy leadership in his/her community.

Eligibility

1. Individuals/couples who meet the above criteria.
2. Individuals who are **not** currently members of either the AAFP Foundation Board or the AAFP Board or who have not served on either board within the past two years.
3. An individual who was nominated the previous year, but did not win, may be re-nominated.

Selection Process

1. Nominations may be made by any member of the AAFP, the AAFP Foundation, Chapter and Chapter Foundation Executives.
2. Documentation in the nomination must be printed or typed, and **each criterion must be addressed** individually, concisely, and factually. Giving history will be provided and/or verified by the AAFP Foundation. Questions regarding financial qualifications should be addressed to Erin Heffernan Markowicz at eheffernan@aafp.org
3. Nominations should be in writing and signed by the person making the nomination.

4. Nominations must be emailed or postmarked on or before April 15, 2019. Reference “Philanthropist of the Year” on the envelope or in the message line and address to Erin Heffernan Markowicz.
5. At the May AAFP Foundation Board of Trustees meeting, the Development Committee will review the nominations against the criteria and recommend a nominee to the Board of Trustees.
6. The AAFP Foundation Board of Trustees will select the Philanthropist(s) of the Year.
7. The AAFP Foundation Board of Trustees may choose not to make an award in a given year if no nominee meets the criteria.
8. The individual(s) selected for this award will be informed of the honor within one month of selection and will be invited to receive the award at the annual Foundation recognition event held during the AAFP FMX.

Recognition

1. Public announcement of the Philanthropist of the Year may be made in the AAFP Foundation President’s remarks at the AAFP Congress of Delegates meeting at FMX.
2. The awardee(s) will be invited to attend a recognition event held during the AAFP FMX as honored an guest(s) of the Foundation.
3. A commemorative award will be formally presented at the annual recognition event. An expense allowance of up to \$1,500 will be provided for award recipient(s).
4. Awardee(s) will be recognized in the AAFP Foundation Bulletin and on the AAFP Foundation website.

Submission Process –

1. Nominations, with supporting documentation, should be:
 - Emailed to Erin Heffernan Markowicz at eheffernan@aafp.org
or
 - Mailed to Erin at:

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