

WOA Seeking 'Young Optometrist of the Year Award' Nominations

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The WOA Young Optometrist of the Year Award is scheduled to be presented at the WOA Convention in September. This is an opportunity for every local society to give special recognition to one of their members, in active practice for less than ten years, for showing remarkable leadership skills when serving the profession, their patients and their community. Please encourage your colleagues in your local society to recommend a member of your society as a candidate for this award.

Requirements

1. Nominee must be in active practice less than ten years.
2. Nominee must be a current WOA member.
3. Submit requested information via email to joleenwoaoffice@tds.net by September 1, 2010 with "Young OD of the Year Nomination" in subject line.

Information Needed

1. A nomination not to exceed 2000 words that concisely lists accomplishments by the nominee in the criteria areas listed below in Microsoft Word format to be an attachment via email.
2. Head and shoulder photograph in jpeg format to be an attachment via email.

Criteria for Selection

I. Service to Optometry

- A. Leadership roles in local optometric society, state association, or the AOA
- B. Major accomplishments from the above listed roles
- C. Initiating and/or implementing any unique plan, program, or action on behalf of optometry?
- D. Published any professional articles or research findings?
- E. Fostered interest in optometry as a career among potential students?

II. Service to the Visual Welfare of the Public

- A. Has the nominee worked with any sight-saving groups or charities dedicated to the visual welfare of the public?
- B. Participation in any solo public-service efforts to heighten the community's awareness of eye health and visual welfare?
- C. Participation in government programs, to bring eye care services/information to the general public or disadvantaged groups?
- D. Service on political committees or actively supported any legislative efforts to advance the public's visual welfare?

III. Public Service

Briefly describe any exemplary public service by the nominee to benefit his/her community. These efforts need not be limited to those that are eye-care or vision-care related. Include offices held, awards won, honors bestowed, or any other significant accomplishments. Consider each of the following areas: Political service, public health or military service, work in education, leadership in community groups/projects, participation in charitable causes and institutions, community service provided through involvement with religious groups or institutions.