

Young OD of the Year Criteria for Selection

I. Service to Optometry

- A. What leadership roles (including titles and dates) has the nominee held in his/her local optometric society, state association, or the American Optometric Association? (Include any special assignments, committees, and project teams.)
- B. What major accomplishments can be attributed to the nominee's participation in these roles?
- C. Has the nominee been instrumental in initiating and/or implementing any unique plan, program, or action on behalf of optometry? If yes, please explain.
- D. Has the nominee shared his or her expertise with colleagues by publishing any professional articles or research findings? (Include the total number of published works and briefly describe the most significant.)
- E. How has the nominee fostered interest in optometry as a career among potential students? What assistance, if any, has he/she provided to optometry students and/or recent graduates?

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 (e.g. VISION USA, VOSH, Lions Clubs, etc.)? What was the extent/impact of the nominee's involvement?
- B. Has the nominee participated in any solo public-service efforts (vision screenings, public speaking, etc.) to heighten the community's awareness of eye health and visual welfare? What were the results of these efforts?
- C. What government programs, if any, has the nominee participated in to bring eye care services/information to the general public and/or disadvantaged groups?
- D. Has the nominee served on any political committees or actively supported any legislative efforts to advance the public's visual welfare? If yes, please describe these efforts and the nominee's role.

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:

- A. Political service including political offices held, campaign and/or special interest group support, and committee or council appointments.
- B. Public health or military service.
- C. Work in education including service on local school boards, alumni associations, scholarship foundations, and youth/sports associations.
- D. Leadership in community issues including participation in local business and civic organizations, service groups, and disaster relief projects.
- E. Participation in charitable causes and institutions (including serving on boards of directors as consultants or key persons).
- F. Community service provided through involvement with religious groups or institutions.
- G. Other.