



In celebration of the West Virginia State Medical Association's contribution to the health of West Virginians through the West Virginia Medical Foundation, the Foundation announces the creation of the prestigious "Excellence in Medicine Awards" that recognize outstanding efforts by members of the West Virginia State Medical Association who help the Foundation fulfill its mission: *To improve the health of all West Virginians by promoting health education, leadership and research; encouraging healthy lifestyles and enhancing access to quality healthcare.*

Each year the Foundation will honor a select group of physicians who exemplify the medical profession's highest values: commitment to service, community involvement, altruism and leadership in the medical profession. The Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2010 Excellence in Medicine Awards including:

- **Excellence in Medicine for Enhancing Access to Quality Healthcare**

Presented to the physician who has demonstrated extraordinary interest and efforts toward improving access to healthcare or reducing health care disparities in West Virginia.

- **Excellence in Medicine for Leadership in Public Health**

Presented to the physician who has made a real difference in creating and nurturing a caring health promotion and disease prevention environment. Efforts may be related to reducing tobacco use, promoting healthy lifestyles, providing leadership in community health or public health policy advocacy.

- **Excellence in Medicine for a Lifetime of Distinguished Service**

The award recognizes a West Virginia physician who throughout his or her career has exemplified the medical profession's highest values: commitment to service, community involvement, altruism and leadership in the medical profession. The individual must have practiced medicine for at least 25 years.

The awards will be presented at a black tie optional dinner on Friday, August 27, 2010 at the West Virginia State Medical Association's Healthcare Summit at The Greenbrier. Each award is accompanied by a \$500 contribution to the charitable medical organization of the recipient's choice.

The nomination form and additional information follows. The nomination form must be received at the West Virginia Medical Foundation no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31st**. Please call Helen Matheny at 1-800-257-4747 ext. 13 if you have any questions. We thank you for your interest and look forward to receiving your nominations.

Nomination Information

Excellence in Medicine Award Categories

Excellence in Medicine for Enhancing Access to Quality Healthcare

Presented to the physician who has demonstrated extraordinary interest and efforts toward improving access to healthcare or reducing health care disparities in West Virginia.

Excellence in Medicine for Leadership in Public Health

Presented to the physician who has made a real difference in creating and nurturing a caring health promotion and disease prevention environment. Efforts may be related to reducing tobacco use, promoting healthy lifestyles, providing leadership in community health or public health policy advocacy.

Excellence in Medicine for a Lifetime of Distinguished Service

The award recognizes a West Virginia physician who throughout his or her career has exemplified the medical profession's highest values: commitment to service, community involvement, altruism and leadership in the medical profession. Individual must have practiced medicine for at least 25 years.

Nomination Criteria

Nominees shall exemplify the following four criteria:

1. The nominee shall have demonstrated outstanding service in the practice of medicine.
2. The nominee shall exemplify dedication to the quality of health care for the population that he or she serves.
3. The nominee will be a member of the West Virginia State Medical Association.
4. The nominee shall inspire and promote excellence in others.

Submission Requirements

1. Please nominate no more than one physician for each award category.
2. All nominations should be typed and must be submitted on the official nomination form. Please give specific examples, results of the nominee's efforts, and as many details as possible.
3. The nomination form should be accompanied by a letter of support from someone other than the nominator or nominee.
4. All nominations should include a copy of the nominee's CV or resume.
5. Excellence in Medicine Award nomination packets must be received at the West Virginia Medical Foundation no later than 5 p.m., March 31, 2010.
6. Incomplete nominations will not be considered by the judging panel.
7. Award recipients must agree to be present to accept the award in person on Friday, August 27, 2010 at the awards dinner during the West Virginia State Medical Association's Healthcare Summit at The Greenbrier.