

ACHD Annual Awards Criterion

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Nomination Eligibility and District Coordination

Any individual or organization may submit a nomination for any ACHD Annual Award category.

If the nominator is not an employee, board member, or official representative of the nominee's district, the nominator must coordinate with the district's leadership (CEO and/or Board Chair) prior to submitting the nomination to ensure district awareness and support.

Nominations submitted without required coordination may be returned to the nominator for confirmation prior to consideration.

In the event of multiple nominations from one district for the same individual or district for the same category, ACHD will return all nominations and ask the nominators to collaborate on one submission (i.e., ACHD receives two or more submissions from staff and/or board members for the same CEO or Trustee of the Year, or for District of the Year).

Multiple Trustee of the Year nominations are allowed from one district, provided the District Board and CEO are notified and agree to move forward with all submissions.

In the event of a tie, ACHD will send tied submissions in any category to an additional third-party independent judge for an additional round of scoring.

- In addition to the following criteria for each category, each nominee must be from a member district in **good standing** at the time of nomination.
 - **Good standing** is defined as dues paid for the current or upcoming fiscal year, or a payment plan formally agreed upon with ACHD management.

District of the Year

- The district implemented an initiative to improve the health and well-being of district residents.
- The district clearly explained the need for determining the necessity of the initiative(s).
- The district achieved positive results to improve the wellness of their community with their initiative.
- The district's initiative can be duplicated by other healthcare districts.
- The district's initiative is innovative and creative.
- The district is an ACHD Certified Healthcare District, or in the process of gaining certification.

- Must attend the Annual Meeting as a paid attendee to receive the award at the Annual Meeting Awards Reception.
- Please list the ACHD standing committees where the district is currently represented. *

CEO of the Year

- The achievements of the nominee are clearly defined.
- The actions/leadership of the CEO resulted positively on the community served by the district.
- The CEO's actions/leadership resulted in positive benefits to their healthcare district.
- The actions/leadership of the CEO can inspire other healthcare district CEOs.
- The CEO has positive news articles related to their achievements.
- Must attend the Annual Meeting as a paid attendee to receive the award at the Annual Meeting Awards Reception.
- Please list the ACHD standing committees where the CEO currently represents the district.*

Trustee of the Year

- The achievements of the nominee are clearly defined.
- The leadership of the Trustee resulted positively upon the community the Trustee represents.
- The Trustee's actions resulted in positive benefits to their healthcare district.
- The leadership of the Trustee can inspire other healthcare districts' Trustees.
- The Trustee has positive news articles related to their achievements.
- Must attend the Annual Meeting as a paid registrant to receive the award at the Annual Meeting Awards Reception.
- Please list the ACHD standing committees where the Trustee currently represents the district.*

** For staff use only. Independent judges will not score based on committee participation. This response will be scored by staff in the event of a tie (i.e., one additional point awarded for serving on one or more ACHD committees. If a tie persists, an additional independent judge will score the tied submissions.)*