

IHS Student Award

Submission Deadline: May 1, 2020

BACKGROUND

The Indian Health Service has a rich history of training 4th year optometry students at one of its many extern locations. Through the years many bright and promising students have come through this program. This award is meant to recognize a few of these exceptional students.

PURPOSE

This award is presented to an extern student that made significant contributions during Optometry Student Status within the professional realm of Optometry and the Indian Health Service.

This award will be presented annually by the Optometry Professional Advisory Group (OPAG). The presentation will be at the awardees will be presented with this award and a plaque at their individual school graduation. This award will also be announced at the IHS bi-annual meeting.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must be performing a 3 month externship in the eligible year at one of the IHS extern sites.

CRITERIA

Each nominee must have demonstrated outstanding contributions to optometry and the Indian Health Service. The nominee must have been directly involved as a key player in the exemplary work, or may have had direct control over it. This contribution shall include at least one of the following:

1. A specific notable accomplishment that impacts the public or the field of public health/IHS and/or optometry.
2. High quality and initiative in leadership or future promise of leadership within IHS.
3. The application of unique skill or creative imagination to the approach or solution of a problem(s).
4. Technical and/or professional contributions to an office, tribe, or region.
5. Clinical skills relative to their education level.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

1. Supervising preceptor will nominate an eligible candidate and evaluate the clinical skills of the student on a 1-10 scale.
2. A nomination package, which consists of a cover letter, nomination page, and optional curriculum vitae, must be submitted by mail, fax, or email to the OPAG Awards Contact by the designated deadline.
3. The OPAG board members will review and rank the nominations at the OPAG May meeting.
4. The OPAG Chair shall select the nominee ranked highest by the OPAG board members or return, with comments, all the nominations to the OPAG Awards subcommittee for reconsideration.

NOMINATION PACKAGE

A complete submission consists of the following sections: the cover page, the nomination paragraph, and optional curriculum vitae.

A. Cover Page (see attached – please provide citations).

B. Optional copy of candidate's curriculum vitae

C. Nomination Paragraph: A description of service or achievement, which merits special honor upon which the nomination is based. Do not exceed 200 words:

- The paragraph should describe (i) the role and degree of the impact of the accomplishments of the nominee, (ii) the degree to which the nominee exceeded the normal work performance requirements, and (iii) preceptor evaluation of the student's relative clinical skills on a 1-10 scale with additional comments.

AWARD SCHEDULE

1. Solicitation of nominations by the OPAG: Open
2. Submission of nominations: May 1st
3. OPAG awards subcommittee review and recommend nominations to the OPAG Chair
4. Award presentation: Plaque/Certificate presented at the individual optometry school graduation

COVER SHEET

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Candidate Name:

IHS location:

Optometry School:

Telephone:

Email:

Proposed citation (last sentence of paragraph):

Recommended by:

Submit to:

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