

**EJI Excellence in Medicine Foundation
Guidelines for Award Nominations 2022**

Overview

The mission of the EJI Excellence in Medicine Foundation is to recognize and encourage excellence in medical care and healthcare for the citizens of New Jersey, including patient care, teaching and education, research, management, leadership and civic engagement. This event began in 1939 and has been sponsored by MDAdvantage Insurance Company since 2003. MDAdvantage enhanced and enlarged the program, and subsequently added the scholarship program, which provides scholarships to students from New Jersey medical schools, dental schools, pharmacy schools and physician assistant schools every year.

The *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards*® are awarded annually to honor those extraordinary physicians and leaders whose dedication to medical care, education, research and public service has significantly impacted the delivery of healthcare in New Jersey and around the nation.

Awards

Each of the Foundation's Awards recognizes "excellence in medicine" as manifested in the varied ways that may significantly impact the health and well-being of our citizens in New Jersey and nationally.

Edward J. Ill Physician's Award® – Presented to a New Jersey physician for dedication and extraordinary service to the profession and to the citizens of the state.

Peter W. Rodino, Jr. Citizen's Award® – Presented to a citizen or group of citizens of New Jersey who merits recognition for distinguished service in advancing and promoting the health and well-being of the people of our state.

Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award – Presented to an individual who has personified, led and provided the vision for an organization, and to the organization served, for extraordinary commitment to improving the health and welfare of the citizens of New Jersey.

Outstanding Medical Educator Award – Presented to a medical educator who has made an outstanding contribution to medical education in New Jersey.

Outstanding Healthcare Executive Award – Presented to an executive in a healthcare-related organization or field who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the enhancement of patient care and medical practice in New Jersey.

Outstanding Scientist Award – Presented to an individual or individuals who have made exceptional contributions leading to advances in healthcare.

Nomination Process

Nominations may be submitted by any individual or group. No one may submit more than one nomination for any award, in any year. The nomination should be uploaded to the online application found at EJIFoundation.org and should include all the following materials in order for the nominee to be considered for an award. Incomplete nomination submissions may be disqualified.

1. The nomination letter is the most important element of the nomination package. It should make clear that the nominee is extraordinary, and how and why this is so. Specific examples should be provided. Occasionally, a single example may be so typical and characteristic of the nominee's career that it is illuminating. The letter may discuss the nominee's accomplishments as relevant to the award for which the nomination is made but should not simply summarize these accomplishments. (The letter should not be longer than two pages.)
2. A short bio highlighting the nominee's professional background and achievements, not to exceed 250 words.
3. The nominee's resume or CV.
4. Written confirmation that the nominator has notified the candidate of his or her nomination for an award; and that if selected, the candidate has agreed to accept the award and attend the awards dinner.
5. Nominations for the Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award should also contain information about the organization being nominated, including outcomes or benchmark data that demonstrates the organization's impact on the community.

The Awards Committee relies on each candidate's nominator to provide the information necessary to make an informed evaluation of that candidate. The nominator should clearly identify the areas of excellence and unique contributions that demonstrate the candidate's qualifications.

Eligibility

Nominees should be residents of New Jersey, and/or the professional activities for which they are nominated should have been performed in New Jersey; and should meet the criteria for the Award for which they are nominated (as described above).

The following individuals are not eligible to receive an Award or to submit nominations, during the time of their relationship with the Company, or for two years afterward: members of the Awards Committee; and employees and members of the Board of Directors of the MDAdvantage Insurance Company. The same restrictions will apply to the members of the immediate families of the above, including spouses, siblings, parents, children, grandparents, grandchildren or other family extension; and persons residing at the same household, whether or not related.

Renominations

Resubmission of a nomination the following year, or in any subsequent year, is encouraged, provided that a new and updated nomination package is submitted.

Submission of Nominations

All nomination information should be uploaded to our online application, which can be found at EJIFoundation.org.

Nomination letters should be addressed to the Chairman of the Awards Committee, at the following address, and then uploaded with all nominating information to the online system:

Paul J. Hirsch, MD
Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation
c/o MDAvantage Insurance Company
100 Franklin Corner Road
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648-2104

Nominations will be accepted through **August 6, 2021**.

Selection Criteria

The Awards Committee is comprised of an independent group of physicians and healthcare leaders who review each nomination thoroughly. The Awards Committee will select honorees and make a recommendation to the EJI Excellence in Medicine Foundation Board of Trustees. Typically, one nominee will be recommended for each category. However, if there is a particularly strong field in a category, two awardees may be selected at the Awards Committee's discretion. The Board of Trustees will have the final approval on the slate of honorees.

The Awards Committee has broad discretion; and may re-assign a nominee to an Award category other than the one recommended by the nominator.

Selected awardees and the nominators of all candidates will be notified.

The award recipients will be recognized at a formal awards dinner on **May 4, 2022**. The selected honoree for each award must agree to be present at the Awards dinner on May 4, 2022; and additionally, provide active support for the scholarship program.

Profits from the awards dinner will be dedicated to the Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund. The EJI Excellence in Medicine Foundation is committed to retaining medical talent in New Jersey and keeping them here to practice in our state.

The Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund brings the mission of the event full circle, in that by recognizing the accomplishments of our award recipients, we are also inspiring



our students to strive to make their own unique contributions. And we have found that the students, in turn, inspire us.

For more information on the nomination process, the history of the *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards*®, the Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund or a list of past recipients, log on to EJIFoundation.org or contact Janet Puro at 609-896-2404 or jpuro@EJIawards.org.