The Laureate Award: Honoring Distinguished Members

What is a Laureate?

Many chapters will incorporate award presentations into their chapter/regional meetings as a way to honor and recognize members who have served their chapter with distinction. Although some chapters have developed their own awards, many chapters give the Laureate Award as the most prestigious honor bestowed to a member (or members) at the local level.

The Laureate Award is designed to honor those Fellows and Masters of the College who have demonstrated, by their example and conduct, an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, and research, and service to their community, their chapter, and the ACP.

A Laureate nominee is usually a senior physician who has:

- Been a Fellow or Master of the College for at least 15 to 20 years.
- Achieved a long history of excellence and peer approval in the specialty of internal medicine.
- Served the chapter and community with distinction or in some clearly definable manner.

Chapter Volunteerism and Community Service Award Description

The Chapter Volunteerism Award was developed by the Chapters' Subcommittee to recognize the work of members who are involved in volunteerism and community service activities. This award also enables chapters to raise the level of awareness and promote dialogue and action in volunteerism within their regions. Volunteerism, like a commitment to continuing education, is an established tradition for internists.

Chapters are encouraged to initiate a Chapter Volunteerism Award and promote it through newsletters, chapter Web sites, at chapter meetings, and other chapter publications and events. Governors should consider delegating this important activity to their local awards committee.

Eligibility

As with the Laureate Award, the exact criteria to determine chapter award recipients is the final decision of each chapter's award-granting authority (e.g., awards committees, Advisory Council, Governor). However, for chapter award recipients to be eligible for nomination for the national Oscar E. Edwards Memorial Award for Volunteerism and Community Service, the following criteria must be met:

1. Nominees must be Masters, Fellows, Members, or Resident/Fellow Members of ACP and must have provided volunteer service post-training. Self-nominations are not permitted.
2. The services must have been performed on a voluntary basis and not required for the completion of teaching, training, or position requirements.
3. Volunteer work must have been done as a physician and be medically related.