Family Physician of the Year Rules

This award is presented annually to a family physician who represents the highest ideals of the specialty of family medicine, including caring, comprehensive medical service, community involvement and service as a role model.

The MAFP seeks nominations from the public for this award. Nominations may also come from colleagues and administrators.

The nominee must be a member in good standing of the MAFP and spend at least fifty-percent of his/her time in direct patient care.

Criteria

Caring: What makes this individual special? How have they demonstrated compassion?

Comprehensive Medical Service: Describe is the quality of care provided by the individual. How do they care for you as a whole person? Do they care for other members of your family?

Community: Where does this individual volunteer? How does this individual make a difference in the community beyond their job in the clinic?

Service as a Role Model: Does this individual serve as a mentor to students/residents? Is this individual a role model?

Nomination letters must be in writing and clearly explain how the nominee fits the criteria for the award. Specific examples should be provided whenever possible. (A letter that simply states "Dr. _____ is a great doctor and has a great bedside manner" is not adequate for nomination.)

Once a nomination letter is received, MAFP staff will verify eligibility of the nominee. Verification will include checking membership status and checking for any discipline history with the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice. The MAFP reserves the right to disqualify a nominee for any reason if information is received that leads MAFP staff and/or MAFP leadership to determine the nominee does not fit the criteria of the award.

A nominee must receive at least one additional letter of support from someone other than the nominator, to have his/her name forwarded as a candidate for the award. Nomination letters must be received by the deadline to be considered. Once the nomination deadline has passed, additional letters of support for each of the nominees will be accepted for an additional 10 days. However, no new nominations will be accepted beyond the initial deadline.

Previous nominees and finalists can be nominated annually, but nomination letters and letters of support must be resubmitted each year. Past FP of the Year award winners cannot be nominated again.

The MAFP will send news releases to Minnesota media outlets in order to promote this award to public. The MAFP cannot guarantee the information in those releases will be printed or shared by the media outlet.