

Apollo Award

PURPOSE

The American Optometric Association Apollo Award is the highest award presented to the general public by the American Optometric Association. It honors persons or organizations for distinguished service to the visual welfare of the public. The Apollo recognizes:

- individuals who have performed a significant public service for the visual welfare of others;
- educational institutions and organizations;
- research programs;
- civic and community groups.

PAST RECIPIENTS

The Apollo Award has been bestowed on a wide range of individuals and groups which have contributed to the visual welfare of the public. Past recipients include individuals such as educators and spokespersons, organizations such as service clubs and philanthropic groups; programs such as eye care education programs in schools and communities; and publications which are made available to those with visual handicaps.

RULES AND CRITERIA

Nominees should be individuals (not doctors of optometry, see other AOA award categories) for-profit or non-profit organizations who have advanced access to eyecare, or as listed above. **Current AOA employees, AOA paid consultants, AOA members of the Board, and current members of the Awards Committee are NOT eligible for consideration.***

JUDGING AND SELECTION

The Apollo Award recipient will be selected by the AOA Awards Committee, comprised of the five most recent available past presidents. The Award, which will be presented at Optometry's Meeting, may or may not be awarded annually.

NOMINATIONS

If you know of an individual, an organization, or an institution which has contributed significantly to the visual welfare of the public, you are invited to nominate that person or group. Simply go to www.aoa.org/awards and click on the "Apollo Award" link to fill out the nomination form, and include a statement (not to exceed 2000 words) regarding the unique contribution to the public's visual welfare. If you choose to nominate a person, include in your submission a biographical sketch of the person and a current head and shoulders photograph.

Nominations are due by **February 19** (no exceptions can be made).

* Approved change by AOA Board of Trustees March 5, 2020.