



AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

Apollo Award

The American Optometric Association (AOA) Apollo Award is the highest award presented to the general public by the AOA. It honors persons or organizations for distinguished service 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.

ELIGIBILITY

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

Nominees should be individuals (not doctors of optometry, see other AOA award categories), institutions, or 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.****

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

The nomination must include the following elements:

1. [Online Nomination Form](#)
2. **Nomination Statement:** A type-written statement of at least 500 words (not to exceed 2,000 words) explaining the primary reason the nominee should be named as award recipient. In addition to noting basic facts (dates, titles, years of service, etc.) about the nominee's professional and volunteer history, briefly describe the key accomplishments achieved by the nominee.
3. **Photo:** A current head and shoulders photograph must be included.
4. **Supplements:** Supporting documentation, such as letters of recommendation or a curricula vitae, may be attached to the nomination statement; however, these are not a substitute for the content of the nomination statement which must clearly and thoroughly detail the nominee's accomplishments.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

All nominations for the national award are due by **Monday, February 13** (no exceptions can be made). Any questions can be directed to Yakesha Cooper, AOA Associate Director of Public Relations at ycooper@aoa.org.

JUDGING AND SELECTION

The Apollo Award recipient will be selected by the AOA Awards Committee, comprised of the five most recent available past presidents, and honored at Optometry's Meeting. In the event that a suitable nominee is not selected by the panel, no award will be given that year.