

AMSUS Annual Awards Program

AMSUS - The Society of Federal Health Professionals honors the contributions of outstanding federal healthcare professionals each year through the Awards Program.

The awards are presented during the Association's Annual Continuing Education Meeting at its Annual Dinner. Each recipient will be presented their award personally by the leadership of their agency and the AMSUS Executive Director.

We strongly encourage nominations of deserving individuals for these awards. AMSUS members volunteer their time to review and independently score each completed submission. Scores are tabulated and the awardee is determined by the highest score.

Nomination Process

The nomination process takes place electronically through the AMSUS website <https://www.amsus.org/professional-development/amsus-awards-program/>. Nominations will be accepted 15 May - 30 June. All nominations must be submitted in the online submission portal.

In addition to the required information, nominations require a biography/resume/CV (no more than 3 pages in length) and letter of recommendation from the individual's organization/agency be uploaded. Individuals selected to receive awards will be notified by late-September.

For more detailed guidance on how to submit a nomination, please review the FAQ document posted on the website.

Executive Director's General Guidance for Award Nominations:

1. **NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE BRIEF.** Descriptions of activities or accomplishments which do not bear on the award should not be included because they can distract reviewers from the central accomplishments.
2. **ACCOMPLISHMENTS SHOULD BE TIMELY.** Unless otherwise stated, AMSUS awards are designed to recognize accomplishments within the past 12-18 months or so, rather than lifetime or career.
3. **NOMINATION SHOULD BE EASY TO READ,** best accomplished by using SIMPLE DECLARATIVE SENTENCES.
4. **BULLETIZING MAJOR POINTS** helps break up the clutter and increases legibility.
5. **SIGNIFICANCE OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS, IMPACT/RESULTS ON ORGANIZATION/ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE OR VALUE ADDED TO PATIENTS, OR OTHER CONSUMERS** should be highlighted.
6. **DON'T MAKE IT A DAUNTING TASK** – focus on the important points and let other details go.

FINALLY, GOOD NOMINATIONS WRITE THEMSELVES. If you are not certain an individual really is worthy of the award, sit down, describe the accomplishments, list the importance of those actions, and what you have written will speak for itself.

Executive Advisory Council Awards

The Rising Star Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Force Health Protection Team Award are the AMSUS Premier Awards. Created in 2009, the nomination process originates with the Executive Advisory Council.

Nominations are from the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, each of the four Uniformed Services Surgeons General, the Director of the Defense Health Agency, and the President of the Uniformed Services University. We also include the Joint Staff Surgeon in the group, resulting in the maximum number of nomination packages for each of the three awards to be nine (9). Reserve and National Guard nominations for these three awards will be submitted through their service's Surgeon General.

Online nominations for these three awards will then be forwarded to the appropriate Executive Advisory Council member for their selection of the best candidate from their constituency.

Selection: The selection of these award recipients will rest with the Awards Committee Chair with concurrence of the AMSUS Board of Directors.

Rising Star Award - This award is given to an individual who, early in their career, has demonstrated success in federal healthcare delivery or management which has placed them on an ascending path to an executive leadership role.

Eligibility: O-5, E-7, or civilian equivalent and below.

Criteria: The individual must have demonstrated excellence and achievement in their initial assignments as well as have one to five years' healthcare leadership experience. Nominees must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Outstanding work and professional activities in healthcare or administration
- Development of notable innovations on the job
- Active participation in healthcare organization, association, and leadership programs
- Promotes the value of healthcare professionals

Lifetime Achievement Award - This award is intended to mark a distinguished career of consistent excellence and is given to honor an individual who has made significant fundamental contributions to federal healthcare, either through a single transcendent act or a body of work. These contributions, whether they have been in leadership, clinical achievement, or mentorship must have had a lasting impact on federal healthcare and demonstrated a lifetime commitment to advancing healthcare quality and efficacy.

Eligibility: O-6, E-8, or civilian equivalent and above.

Criteria: Candidates for this award are living role models in the fields of healthcare delivery and administration. Their life-long careers in development, invention and innovation in the healthcare field have had a significant impact on society. These individuals have the potential to be role models and are inspirational to others. The award is open to any person who, through his or her life's endeavors, has

demonstrated significant and lasting contributions toward better health outcomes in federal medicine. The award is targeted toward demonstrated value delivered in health outcomes, rather than purely academic achievement. Therefore, nominees will be expected to have demonstrated tangible and persistent contributions that led toward improved health outcomes in an identifiable group of individuals. The recipient of this award must have had a significant career span. Contributions should be recognized at local, national and international levels.

Force Health Protection Award - This award recognizes an organization which has made significant contributions to assure that the men and women of the armed services and/or veterans are provided health services to assure mission readiness or optimal health functionality at all times. The concept of force health protection goes beyond the military and includes contributions that provide force health protection of a nation threatened by disease, a natural disaster or acts of terrorism or war.

Eligibility: This award is provided to an organization for their contributions to assuring readiness.

Criteria: The nominated teams must have made a substantial contribution to maintain healthcare readiness during the past year in activities that contribute to a healthy and fit force:

- Disease prevention
- Curative and/or restorative therapies
- Health promotion
- Operations in direct support of deployed forces
- Humanitarian & Disaster Relief Operations
- Health Global Operations

Individual Professional Awards

Individual awards are designed to recognize recent accomplishments (past 12-18 months) or past accomplishments whose impact has been recently felt.

Nominees may be current AMSUS members or individual who are currently, or have at any time been, associated with a federal health agency or the Department of Veterans Affairs or individuals of the military medical services of other nations.

Nominators may be anyone. Self-nominations are not allowed.

Nominations are open to any federal healthcare worker from the Army, Navy, Air Force, USPHS, Veterans Affairs, Homeland Security, Health and Human Services and the Uniformed Services University.

Individual Award Judgement Criteria

The following individual awards will be judged by the criteria:

1. Significant accomplishment(s) in the last 12-18 months warranting AMSUS recognition.
2. Evidence that those accomplishments had a meaningful impact on their mission or organization.

Award Categories

Physician Award - This award recognizes the accomplishments of a federal physician who has made outstanding contributions as a clinician, researcher, educator, or healthcare executive.

Eligibility: Nominations are open to any federal physician.

Dentist Award - This award recognizes the accomplishments of a federal dentist who has made outstanding contributions as a clinician, researcher, educator, or healthcare executive.

Eligibility: Nominations are open to any federal dentist.

Nursing Award - This award recognizes the accomplishments of a federal nurse who has made outstanding contributions as a clinician, researcher, educator, or healthcare executive.

Eligibility: Nominations are open to any federal nurse.

Andrew Craige Allied Health Professional Award - This award recognizes the leadership role of federal allied healthcare professionals. The award is intended to recognize sustained excellence in the provision of allied healthcare; and to grant recognition and promote awareness of federal allied healthcare practitioners who distinguish themselves in the provision of care.

Eligibility: Licensed healthcare provider in an allied health profession; including, but not limited to, pharmacists, physical, occupational and recreational therapists, social workers, clinical psychologists, optometrists, physician assistants, dietitians, veterinary practitioners, etc.

William Gorgas Preventive Medicine Award - The award is given to an individual for distinguished work in preventive medicine in the area of clinical application, education or research.

Eligibility: Nominations are open to any federal health professional.

Management and Administration Award - This award is presented to an individual who has made conspicuously outstanding contributions in management and administration and demonstrated superior leadership while serving in the federal healthcare system.

Eligibility: An individual federal healthcare leader, administrator or manager in healthcare management or logistics.

**Lewis L. Seaman Enlisted Award for Outstanding Operational Support
Senior Enlisted (E-7 through E-9) & Junior Enlisted (E-5 - E-6)**

Originally established by the Association in 1900, this award was named after the late Major Lewis Livingston Seaman, a Surgeon of the First U.S. Volunteers, Spanish American War. This award recognizes a junior and senior enlisted medical healthcare professional who has made a

significant impact in the areas of patient care, clinical support or healthcare management, and to their service's medical mission.

Eligibility: These awards are presented to an Active Duty, Reserve or Guard enlisted professional of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Coast Guard who has exhibited outstanding accomplishments in advancing the healthcare mission of their service through demonstrated compassionate and quality patient care and service, clinical support or healthcare management.

Individual Functional Mission Awards

Eligibility: Nominations are open to any member of the appropriate functional area within federal medicine.

Criteria:

- Significant accomplishment(s) warranting AMSUS recognition
- Evidence that those accomplishments had a meaningful impact on their mission or organization

Functional Mission Award Judgement Criteria

The following individual awards will be judged by the criteria:

1. Significant accomplishment(s) in the last 12-18 months warranting AMSUS recognition.
2. Evidence that those accomplishments had a meaningful impact on their mission or organization.

Award Categories

Operational Medicine Award - recognizes an individual that has provided outstanding healthcare service or support in an operational unit or deployed status.

Rehabilitation Award - recognizes an individual that has provided outstanding rehabilitative service or treatment in an inpatient or outpatient setting.

Research & Development Award - Recognizes an individual that has made a significant discovery or contribution in federal health research and development.

Training and Education Award - Recognizes an individual whose contribution in healthcare education and training and has positively impacted the military or federal healthcare system.

Medical Logistics Award - Recognizes an individual that has made significant contributions in medical acquisition or logistics and has positively impacted the military or federal healthcare system.

Information Technology Award - Recognizes an individual that has made significant contributions in Information and Technology and has positively impacted the military or federal healthcare system.