The American Osteopathic Foundation’s
2022 DISTINGUISHED MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD

Established in 2019, this award honors seasoned Osteopathic physicians who have made significant contributions to the practice of military medicine.

ELIGIBILITY

- Practicing military DO physician with at least 20 years' experience.
- Current active-duty member of the United States Armed Forces
- Actively involved in any discipline of Osteopathic medicine
- The award is based upon three areas:
  - Major achievements in the nominee’s primary medical field
  - Contributions to enhancing the role of Osteopathic medicine in the military
  - Leadership ability, including recognition as an exceptional leader, teacher, clinician, or mentor

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS – DEADLINE MAY 16, 2022

- Completed online nomination form - Self-Nominations Not Accepted
- Three letters of Recommendation, one from the nominator, and two additional letters from fellow service personnel, or commanding officer. Recommenders must be from an active-duty or retired military member; may not be a family member.
  Letters should highlight at least two (2) of the following:
  - How does the nominee go beyond what is expected, and stand above their peers?
  - How is the nominee recognized as an “Osteopathic leader”?
  - How does the nominee display qualities of a leader through service to the Osteopathic profession and/or the military?
  - How does the nominee promote the philosophy of Osteopathic in military medicine?
  - How has the nominee made contributions to the medical profession and/or received accolades for their professional accomplishments?
- Confirmation of community service (examples may be included in a recommendation letter; newspaper clippings acknowledging service are encouraged)
- Current curriculum vitae or resume of nominated individual; headshot in full dress
The American Osteopathic Foundation’s
2022 GOLDEN TICKET SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship award recognizes those who despite financial obstacles have achieved academic excellence, displayed leadership, made a commitment to community outreach, and embody Osteopathic tenants and philosophy.

Three (3) educational scholarship awards will be given to Osteopathic students who exemplify the scholarship’s purpose. Three students will be recognized as finalists and awarded a $5,000 educational scholarship. One of the three students will be chosen as the Golden Ticket Winner and awarded an additional $15,000.

ELIGIBILITY

- OMS II, OMS III, or OMS IV enrolled at a College/School of Osteopathic Medicine (COM/SOM)
- Significant financial need affecting completion of education
- In the top 25% of their class (outstanding academic achievement while in medical school)
- Demonstrated participation in school/community activities outside of any college requirements; may include leadership in professionally related organizations/activities while in Osteopathic medical school
- Prior award winners are not eligible

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS - DEADLINE MAY 9, 2022

- Completed online nomination form - student must be nominated by COM/SOM
- A letter from the Dean of Students or their representative confirming a strong (top quartile) academic standing, that the student qualifies for financial aid, and verification that, if received, this award will not render the student ineligible for other grants/scholarship opportunities within the school
- Two (2) additional letters of recommendations highlighting contributions to the Osteopathic profession and/or highlighting community service
- A one-page personal statement from the nominee explaining why financial need is negatively impacting their education
- Official medical school academic transcript if Dean’s letter is unavailable (may be mailed separately)
- Optional: Additional materials that demonstrate the student’s leadership in activities outside of college requirements are highly encouraged, but not required
The American Osteopathic Foundation’s
2022 DONNA JONES MORITSUGU MEMORIAL AWARD

This award honors the memory of Donna Jones Moritsugu, beloved wife of Kenneth P. Moritsugu, MD, and mother of Erika L. Moritsugu and the late Vikki L. Moritsugu. Dr. Moritsugu, former Deputy Surgeon General of the United States, is a retired military physician, nationally recognized public health expert, and former AOF Board member. While serving as Rear Admiral in the US Public Health Service, throughout medical school, and during practice, Dr. Moritsugu appreciated the many ways in which his wife "gave so much" and served as "the wind beneath his wings. In partnership with the Advocates for the American Osteopathic Association (AAOA), the AOF extends this award to life partners of graduating Osteopathic medical students who best exemplify the type of unselfish, immeasurable support and personal sacrifice that is crucial to their partner’s success.

ELIGIBILITY

- One (1) legally recognized spouse of a graduating OMS IV may be honored by each COM/SOM. Up to three (3) individuals from each COM/SOM that best meet the eligibility criteria may be nominated annually. If two or more candidates are nominated, AOF/AAOA will determine a winner via committee review.
- Nominees exemplify the role of a professional’s partner by providing immeasurable support of their partner and the Osteopathic profession, while being an individual in their own right.
- Marriages under 18 months are not eligible; the award cannot be given posthumously.
- Students may not nominate their spouse directly but may write to their COM/SOM administration for consideration.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS – DEADLINE MAY 16, 2022

- Completed online nomination form - nominations must come from the COM/SOM.
- One (1) letter of recommendation from designated person at the nominating COM/SOM.
- Letter from the graduating OMS IV providing examples of the support received from their spouse and the impact it had on them

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Certificates are sent to COM/SOMs for use at graduation. COMs/SOMs are expected to acknowledge the partnership with AOF and AAOA during the award presentation.
- Gifts are mailed to the awardee in April/May from the vendor. Awardee’s home address, email, and cell phone number must be included in the nomination to avoid shipping delays. A $30 shipping fee will be applied to nominations made after the portal closure date of May 16, 2022.
- Information about the recipient and the award ceremony may be published on the AOF’s website, publications, and communications.
The American Osteopathic Foundation’s
2022 OUTSTANDING RESIDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

In partnership with the specialty societies, this award is given annually to honor and co-recognize ONE resident per specialty. Recognize and honor outstanding residents who embody a great spirit of altruism and whose combination of clinical promise, leadership, dedication, and commitment to osteopathic patient-centered care, separate them from their peers.

A monetary award in the amount of $5,000 will be presented to ONE recipient from each participating specialty. Recipients will be recognized through the financial award, a commemorative plaque highlighting both partners, written publications, and social announcements by AOF and partnership specialty.

ELIGIBILITY

- Osteopathic physicians in training who have completed their first year of residency or fellowship
- Osteopathic recognized residency preferred
- Committed to Osteopathic medicine, and its philosophy and principles, as demonstrated through comprehensive patient care
- Recognized as a strong leader within the Residency Program
- Committed to the community through actions and involvement
- Committed to the education and enrichment of self and others including, but not limited to, continuing education, teaching, research, and publication
- Multiple nominations may be received; only one resident will be chosen from each partnering Specialty Society. Former award recipients are not eligible for the same award.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS – DEADLINE MAY 16, 2022

- Two-three (2-3) letters of recommendation:
  - One (1) letter of recommendation from the nominator
  - One (1) letter of recommendation from the resident’s Program Director
  - One (1) additional letter of recommendation if the Program Director is not a DO.
    Note: preference will be given to nominations with at least one recommendation from a practicing Osteopathic physician.
- Current curriculum vitae or resume from the nominee
- A one-page personal statement from the nominee, focusing on their eligibility, the purpose of the award, and highlighting activities and/or experiences during residency
- Nominee’s contact information, current photo, and brief (3-5 sentence) bio
The American Osteopathic Foundation’s
2022 PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award honors top doctors whose dedication and leadership have improved the lives of countless people through Osteopathic tenants and principals. One (1) individual will be honored annually, whose extraordinary accomplishments and service bring a sense of pride to the profession, and whose actions promote the science of medicine and the betterment of public health. This individual achieves greatness through integrity, commitment to service, and community involvement.

ELIGIBILITY

• Practicing Osteopathic physician with more than fifteen (15) years in practice
• Has unwavering dedication toward patients and had made a significant impact in direct patient care
• Makes an extraordinary impact on the lives of others and is consistently looked upon as a role model by their peers
• Promotes the art and science of Osteopathic medicine
• Uses extraordinary and innovative ways to improve public health through a specific act or service
• Has made innovative contributions either in medicine or to the community even when faced with adversity
• Embodies the values of the profession through leadership and service
• Has made contributions of significant impact to the field of clinical medicine

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS – DEADLINE MAY 16, 2022

• Completed nomination form - self-nominations not accepted
• Three (3) letters of recommendation including
  o Letter of recommendation from nominator
  o Letter of recommendation on organization letterhead from a current or former employer or a current or past member of the AOA, AOF, or institution’s board of directors.
  o Letter of recommendation from a practicing DO or a patient
• The nominee’s current curriculum vitae or resume (include current memberships, Osteopathic or other); including a current photo
• Optional: Supporting documentation in the form of formal commendations, citations or awards, newspaper or magazine articles, or other media-related profiles will be accepted, but shall serve only as evidence to support the nomination
The American Osteopathic Foundation / American Osteopathic Association’s
2022 PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

This educational award was created to in partnership with the American Osteopathic Association to recognize Osteopathic medical students committed to the principles of Osteopathic medicine and who have taken great strides toward becoming top student leaders. These individuals have been instrumental in motivating people, and they take conscious, well-calculated steps to develop themselves and their followers.

One educational scholarship in the amount of $7,500 will be awarded to a student who exemplifies the principals of Osteopathic Principals and aligns with the scholarship purpose.

ELIGIBILITY

- OMS II, OMS III, or OMS IV in good standing enrolled at a College/School of Osteopathic Medicine (COM/SOM)
- Current membership in the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA)
- Demonstrated commitment to the Osteopathic profession
- Strong leadership skills and demonstrated use of these skills
- Noteworthy accomplishments, awards and honors, special projects and extracurricular activities that demonstrate the nominee’s ability to be a leader

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS – DEADLINE MAY 9, 2022

- Completed online nomination – COM/SOM ONLY- self-nominations are NOT accepted
- A transcript or letter from the Dean or their designee as an official document confirming the student’s class ranking/GPA or that they are in the top quartile of their class.
- Two additional Letters of recommendation describing the nominee’s leadership qualities, their commitment to Osteopathic principles, and what unique characteristics qualifies them for this award
- A personal statement from the nominee
- Nominee’s current curriculum vitae or resume (include all current memberships, Osteopathic or other); and a personal photo
- Proof of current SOMA membership
The American Osteopathic Foundation’s
2022 STATE EMERGING LEADER AWARDS

This award recognizes outstanding new physicians in practice across the country. Each year from the group of State Emerging Leaders Award winners one new physician in practice is selected to receive the James M. Lally, DO, National Emerging Leader Award. Dr. James M. Lally, known for his exemplary leadership, generous spirit, and unquestionable integrity, continues to dedicate his career to practicing the philosophy and tenants of the Osteopathic profession, making a significant impact locally, nationally, and internationally. The National Emerging Leader Award honors an outstanding Osteopathic physician whose leadership inspires others, whose noticeable accomplishments motivate those around them, and whose medical knowledge, combined with patient empathy, enriches the lives of those they serve.

ELIGIBILITY

- Osteopathic physician in practice between two to six years; current member of their state Osteopathic association
- Practicing physician who is making a difference in health care and whose dedication has improved the lives of their patients
- Promotes Osteopathic medicine and its philosophy; role model and a strong leader who continuously uses their skills to better the profession
- Has numerous noteworthy accomplishments demonstrating their role as a leader
- Displays the qualities of a top leader, demonstrated through service to the profession and the public
- Positive impact through contributions within Osteopathic organizations, teaching, administration, committee work, political actions, or work with national associations
- Is philanthropic; demonstrated contributions of time, talent, or treasure
- Preference for the James M. Lally, DO, National Emerging Leader Award may be given to active members of the AOA.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS - DEADLINE MAY 16, 2022

- Completed nomination form from the state association - self-nominations not accepted
- Two (2) letters of recommendation including
  o Letter of recommendation from the nominator
  o Letter of recommendation from an Osteopathic physician, professional mentor, or similar within the Osteopathic profession.
  o Letters should provide confirmation of the nominee’s exemplary community service, leadership, and health policy involvement
- The nominee’s current curriculum vitae or resume (include current memberships, Osteopathic or other); including a current photo
- Optional: Nominee’s AOA membership number, newspaper clippings, or other support materials are encouraged, but not required for consideration
The American Osteopathic Foundation’s
2022 W. DOUGLAS WARD, PHD, EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

W. Douglas Ward, PhD, was a twenty-eight-year member of the American Osteopathic Association, a member of AOF’s inaugural grant review committee, and a recognized leader throughout the Osteopathic profession. This award honors one (1) Osteopathic professional who consistently upholds and raises the standards of Osteopathic medical education within the profession.

ELIGIBILITY

- The nominee need not be a DO but must be associated with and currently involved in Osteopathic education
- Makes a demonstrated impact on students, peers, their academic institution, and the Osteopathic profession
- Has long-standing academic contributions to the profession
- Demonstrates compassion and leadership in their role as an educator
- Demonstrates commitment to Osteopathic medicine and the profession
- Exemplifies and encourages Osteopathic principles in their teachings

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS – DEADLINE MAY 16, 2022

- Completed nomination form - self-nominations not accepted
- Three (3) letters of recommendation including
  - Letter of recommendation from the nominator
  - Two additional letters of recommendation may include: an endorsement on organization letterhead from a current or former employer, a letter from a current or former student, a letter from a board member or other senior official.
- The nominee’s current curriculum vitae or resume (include current memberships, Osteopathic or other); including a current photo
- Optional: Supporting documentation in the form of formal commendations, citations or awards, newspaper or magazine articles, or other media-related profiles will be accepted, but shall serve only as evidence to support the nomination