

ADA Humanitarian Award Nomination Packet

The American Dental Association is very proud to offer the ADA Humanitarian Award. This prestigious award is to recognize those who have selflessly made a lasting impact on the oral health care of their fellow human beings. Humanitarian activities are a foundation of the dental profession. Acknowledging ADA members, who give unselfishly of their time and their professional skills, not only recognizes their individual contributions but encourages others to pursue similar activities and reflects positively on the profession.



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Nomination Due Date September 15

The **American Dental Association Humanitarian Award** recognizes dentist members who have distinguished themselves by outstanding, unselfish leadership and at least a ten year commitment to their fellow human beings in the field of dentistry, through the dedication of extraordinary time and professional skills to improve the oral health of underserved populations in the United States and abroad.

The award is conferred by the Association's Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of a nominating committee composed of six individuals: a member of the Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations (CAPIR); the Committee on International Programs and Development (CIPD) and the ADA International Development Subcommittee who are appointed by their respective chairs, the Association's president-elect, the director of CAPIR and the senior director of the Division of Global Affairs. The Association's executive director will be chair of the nominating committee and will be an active participant with the right to vote only in case of a tie vote. Nominations will be considered by the Board of Trustees during a closed session and the report designated as confidential until appropriate action is taken. The decision of the Board of Trustees will be final.

Criteria: The award recognizes individual volunteer commitment and leadership that has had a broad impact on oral health and the improvement of the human condition. The award will be given to a member who has dedicated at least ten years to international and domestic volunteer service and exemplifies humanitarian ideals and attributes by:

- Contributing significantly to alleviate human suffering and improving the quality of life and oral health of individuals both in the U.S. and abroad
- Demonstrating significant leadership and outstanding humanitarian volunteer accomplishments that bring honor to the profession
- Serving as an inspiration to the dental profession, colleagues, and those treated
- Showing through the scope of work undertaken a commitment to humanity and selflessness in regard to direct personal or organizational gain or profit
- Establishing a legacy and/or sustainable program that is of ongoing value and benefit to others

Nominations: An individual may nominate any active, life or retired member in good standing of the Association by submitting a nomination to the ADA Division of Global Affairs by September 15 of each year for consideration by the ADA Board of Trustees. Nominations received after the September 15 deadline will be placed on file along with the required documentation for consideration the following year. A nominator is limited to one Humanitarian Award nomination per year.

The following documentation must be submitted in electronic form with each nomination:

- Complete nomination information as described on Page 4 of this document, addressing the commitment (of at least 10 years) and extraordinary humanitarian services of the nominee and the ongoing legacy that will be left, taking into account specific actions employed, demonstrated leadership skills, knowledge, dedication and persistence used to improve the oral health prospects of the specific community(ies), the population group(s) served and the

long term impact of these endeavors as indicated by the information requested.

- A *Curriculum Vitae*/resumé highlighting the nominee’s humanitarian contributions.
- Three letters of support from specific individuals, who are not the nominator. *(if more than three letters are submitted, only the first three will be considered)*
- One letter in support of the nominee from his/her state or local dental society.
- Other essential supporting documentation to substantiate and fully present the character and achievement of the nominee at the discretion of the nominator. Testimonials, photographs, brochures, newsletters, etc. *(CDs, DVDs, and Videos or excessive amounts of material will not be considered)*

Please review the criteria and the list of requested information (Page 4) thoroughly before submitting the nomination to ensure completeness and attach nomination information, CV, letters of support and additional documentation. Nominations must be received by e-mail and incomplete nominations will not be considered. All nominations become the property of the ADA, which may use them for any purpose including program promotion, information dissemination and professional education. Nominations will not be returned.

Nominations should be sent by e-mail, **no later than September 15**, to:

American Dental Association
Division of Global Affairs
international@ada.org

One Humanitarian Award will be given annually. The recipient must be a member of the American Dental Association. *(The award is not intended for an individual who provides limited uncompensated services in the course of normal business or provides such services to an underserved population in the course of business for which they are compensated.)*

The Award: The award will include a monetary component of \$5,000 given to the dental charity/project of the recipient’s choice. The ADA will bring the honoree and a companion to the ADA Annual Session for the award ceremony and will cover the expenses of travel, accommodations and a per diem to attend.

Nomination Deadline.....	September 15
Nomination Committee Review.....	November
Board of Trustee Selection of Recipient.....	December Board Meeting
Announcement of Honoree.....	December
Award Ceremony.....	ADA Annual Session

American Dental Association Humanitarian Award Nomination Information

Please provide the following information in a Microsoft Word or PDF Document and send along with requested attachments by **September 15** to:

American Dental Association
Division of Global Affairs
international@ada.org

1. Name of Nominator:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Do you wish to be contacted by telephone or e-mail?

Does the nominee know you are submitting this nomination?

2. I, hereby nominate for the American Dental Association Humanitarian Award:

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

3. How did you become acquainted with the nominee's service and are you directly involved with the humanitarian activities of the nominee? If so, please describe how. (200 words or less)

4. Please provide a detailed history of the nominee's humanitarian activities including time period and location for each activity.

5. What significant alleviation of human suffering and commitment to humanity has the nominee contributed to improve the quality of life and oral health? (200 words or less)

6. Who has benefited from the nominee's service? (200 words or less)

7. What humanitarian leadership and accomplishments has the nominee displayed to activate and inspire others? (200 words or less)

8. What sustainable program or legacy remains as a result of the nominee's commitment to humanity and volunteer achievements? (200 words or less)

Letters of support will be coming from:

1. A colleague who works with or is in support of the nominee's humanitarian efforts.

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

2. An official, leader, representative, etc. of the community where the nominee's humanitarian efforts are undertaken, well-acquainted to the nominee and who is not affiliated with the nominee's activities.

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

3. A recipient of the humanitarian enterprise of the nominee.

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

***Note: An additional letter in support of the nominee from his/her state or local dental society must be received.
Supporting documentation received after September 15 will not be considered.***