



# 2026 Annual Awards Nomination Packet

Submission Deadline: March 6, 2026

Ohio ACEP Annual Award winners will be recognized during the Ohio ACEP Annual Meeting. Nominators, nominees and award winners will be notified by the Selection Committee prior to the event and should plan to be present for the Awards Ceremony.

**Ohio ACEP Annual Meeting  
May 13, 2026  
The Athletic Club of Columbus  
Columbus, Ohio**



## Recognize Your Colleagues. Nominate Them for an Ohio ACEP Award!

Awards will be presented on May 13, 2026 during Ohio ACEP's Annual Meeting.  
NOMINEES AND NOMINATORS SHOULD PLAN TO BE PRESENT for the Awards Ceremony Luncheon.

- ***Bill Hall Award for Service***  
Our highest award for service to Ohio ACEP
- ***Emergency Medicine Physician of the Year Award***  
To recognize clinicians of unusual merit and who espouse and encourage members to pursue the ideals of emergency medicine.
- ***Emergency Physician Advocacy Award***  
For outstanding leadership in advocacy efforts on behalf of emergency medicine, their patients and their community.
- ***Emergency Physician Medical Education Award***  
To commend excellence in emergency medicine education.
- ***Emergency Physician Leadership Award***  
For outstanding leadership in emergency medicine and to the Chapter
- ***Young Emergency Medicine Physician of the Year Award***  
To recognize clinicians of unusual merit in their first 10 years of practice post-residency and to espouse and encourage members to pursue the ideals of emergency medicine.
- ***Emergency Medicine Physician Practice Innovation Award*** *Inaugural Year!*  
To recognize clinicians who have developed an innovative process, solution, technology or product to solve a significant problem in the practice of emergency medicine.
- ***Outstanding Emergency Medicine Resident of the Year Award***  
To recognize a resident of outstanding merit who demonstrates exemplary clinical promise, leadership and commitment to their patients and emergency medicine.

NEW!

Nomination criteria for each of the awards can be found in this nomination packet.

Submit nominations online at <http://www.ohacep.org/awards>

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**Nominees will be reviewed and selected by the Ohio Chapter ACEP Nominating Committee.**

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## ***Bill Hall Award for Service to Ohio Chapter ACEP***

### ***Nomination Criteria***

The *Bill Hall Award* is named in honor of Dr. William Hall who served as Ohio Chapter ACEP President from 1974 to 1975 and as Treasurer from 1979 to 1985. The Award has been presented 33 times to physicians who have made significant contributions to Ohio Chapter ACEP or the field of emergency medicine through the selfless giving of time, dedication and enthusiasm.

The **2026 Bill Hall Award for Service** will be presented at the **Ohio ACEP Annual Meeting** on May 13, 2026.

The criteria for the Ohio ACEP *Bill Hall Award for Service*:

1. Current or former member of Ohio Chapter ACEP
2. Current or former member of the Board of Directors
3. Made a significant contribution to emergency medicine
4. Made a significant contribution to Ohio Chapter ACEP
  - a. Committee activity
  - b. Officer position
  - c. Course Director
  - d. Years of service
5. The emergency physician should reflect the character of Dr. William Hall, such as selfless giving of time and enthusiasm for patient care

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### **Past award recipients:**

Dr. Bill Hall, *Columbus*; Dr. Tom Hall, *Newark*; Dr. John Cahill, *Willoughby*; Dr. Ed Charnock, *Medina*; Dr. Dan Storer, *Cincinnati*; Dr. Sam Kiehl, *Columbus*; Dr. Mark DeBard, *Dayton*; Dr. Rick Nelson, *Westerville*; Ms. Joan Hesler\*, *Columbus*; Dr. Brian Keaton, *Munroe Falls*; Dr. William Roush, *Akron*; Dr. John Bradford, *Akron*; Dr. Randall King, *Toledo*; Dr. James Augustine, *Dayton*; Dr. Nicholas Jouriles, *Moreland Hills*; Dr. Howard Werman, *Columbus*; Dr. Ann Dietrich, *Columbus*; Dr. Paul de Saint Victor, *Toledo*; Dr. Michael Mackan, *Akron*; Dr. Joan Kolodzik, *Dayton*; Dr. Thomas Lukens, *Lakewood*; Dr. Catherine Marco, *Toledo*; Dr. Thomas Tallman, *Cleveland*; Dr. David Keseg, *Columbus*; Dr. Dominic Bagnoli, *Canton*; Dr. Kevin Klauer, *Canton*; Dr. Robert Broida, *Canton*; Dr. Mary Hancock, *Elyria*; Dr. Michael McCrea, *Toledo*; Dr. Gary Katz, *Columbus*; Dr. Daniel Martin, *Columbus*; Dr. Bradley Raetzke, *Columbus*; Mrs. Laura Tiberi\*, *Columbus*; Dr. Eileen Baker, *Bowling Green*; Dr. Nicole Veitinger, *Columbus* and Dr. John Queen, *Cleveland*.

\*Chapter Executive Director, Special Bill Hall Award

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## ***Emergency Medicine Physician of the Year Award Nomination Criteria***

The purpose of the *Emergency Medicine Physician of the Year Award for Ohio Chapter ACEP* is to recognize clinicians of unusual merit and to espouse and encourage members to pursue the ideals of emergency medicine.

The **2026 Emergency Medicine Physician of the Year Award** will be presented at the **Ohio ACEP Annual Meeting** on May 13, 2026.

The criteria for the Ohio ACEP *Emergency Medicine Physician of the Year Award*:

1. Current member of Ohio Chapter ACEP
2. Outstanding emergency physician role model
3. Maintains high professional standards and clinical orientation
4. Provides high-quality health care
5. Demonstrates dedication to emergency medicine and patient care

Please note that individuals who were nominated but not selected may be nominated in subsequent years and any member may be re-nominated any number of times. Current and past members of the Ohio Chapter ACEP Board of Directors and officers are not considered eligible for the award except in special circumstances as determined by the awards committee.

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### **Past award recipients:**

Dr. John Lazo, *Hinckley*; Dr. Levente Batizy, *Akron*; Dr. Michael Mackan, *Canal Fulton*; Roger Pacholka, *Xenia*; Dr. John Bradford, *Peninsula*; Dr. Hugh Schuckman, *Medina*; Dr. David Effron, *Cleveland*; Dr. Craig Williams, *Centerville*; Dr. Felino Tordilla, *Dayton*; Dr. David Smile, *Cincinnati*; Dr. Mary McMullen, *Akron*; Dr. Wayne Wheeler, *Portsmouth*; Dr. Rita Cydulka, *Cleveland*; Dr. Michael Frank, *Cleveland*; Dr. Michelle Blanda, *Akron*; Dr. Douglas Rund, *Columbus*; Dr. Thomas Hetrick, *Akron*; Dr. John Tafuri, *Cleveland*; Dr. Emile El-Shammaa, *Columbus*; Dr. Daniel Bachmann, *Columbus*; Dr. Emily Kauffman, *Columbus*; Dr. Michael Dick, *Columbus*; Dr. Joseph Moellman, *Cincinnati*; Dr. Bryan Baskin, *Cleveland*; Dr. Danni Schneider, *Columbus* and Dr. Richard Ryan, *Cincinnati*.

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## ***Emergency Physician Advocacy Award Nomination Criteria***

The *Emergency Physician Advocacy Award for Ohio Chapter ACEP* was created to recognize outstanding leadership in advocacy efforts on behalf emergency medicine. The recipient of this award has advocated for their patients, their community, and their specialty and has engaged in advocacy efforts at local, regional, and/or national levels.

The **2026 Emergency Physician Advocacy Award** will be presented at the **Ohio ACEP Annual Meeting** on May 13, 2026.

The criteria for the Ohio ACEP *Emergency Physician Advocacy Award*:

1. Current member of the Ohio Chapter ACEP
2. Outstanding emergency physician role model
3. Generates support or raises awareness through advocacy, health policy, and regulatory issues
4. Mobilizes grassroots advocacy efforts and/or or develops alliances that move the emergency medicine advocacy agenda forward

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### **Past award recipients:**

Dr. Michael Phelan, *Cleveland*; Dr. Joan Papp, *Cleveland*; Dr. Ryan Squier, *Columbus*; Dr. Tanner Gronowski, Dr. Andrew Little & Dr. Andrew Kalnow from *EM Over Easy*; Dr. Michael McCrea, *Toledo*; Dr. B. Bryan Graham, *Cleveland*; Dr. Baruch Fertel, *Cleveland*; Dr. Laura Espy-Bell, *Columbus*; Dr. Melanie Yates, *Cincinnati*; Dr. RJ Sontag, *Columbus* and Dr. Craig Bates, *Cleveland*.

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## ***Emergency Physician Medical Education Award Nomination Criteria***

The *Emergency Physician Medical Education Award* recognizes outstanding excellence in Emergency Medicine Education. The recipient has exhibited exemplary teaching skills, implemented exceptional educational programs, and/or developed an innovative teaching model.

The **2026 Emergency Physician Medical Education Award** will be presented at the **Ohio ACEP Annual Meeting** on May 13, 2026.

The criteria for the Ohio ACEP *Emergency Physician Medical Education Award*:

1. Current member of Ohio Chapter ACEP
2. Outstanding emergency physician role model
3. Maintains high professional standards and clinical orientation
4. Selfless commitment to enhancing emergency medicine education and meeting the CME and certification needs of emergency physicians

Please note that individuals who were nominated but not selected may be nominated in subsequent years and any member may be re-nominated any number of times.

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### **Past award recipients:**

Dr. Robert Jones, *Cleveland*; Dr. Michael Policastro, *Cincinnati*; Dr. Andrew King, *Columbus*; Dr. Creagh Boulger, *Columbus*; Dr. Steven Dorsey, *Cleveland*; Dr. Brad Gable, *Columbus*; Dr. Colin Kaide, *Columbus*; Dr. Thomas Noeller, *Cleveland*; Dr. Courtney Smalley, *Cleveland*; Dr. Robert Stenberg, *Akron* and Dr. Sean Roth, *Cleveland* and Dr. Riley Grosso, *Cleveland*.

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## ***Emergency Physician Leadership Award Nomination Criteria***

The *Emergency Medicine Leadership Award for Ohio Chapter ACEP* was designed to recognize outstanding leadership in emergency medicine and to the Chapter. The honoree has served as a role model to colleagues and/or chapter members, and his/her personal leadership attributes should include, but are not limited to: inspiration, innovation, teamwork, consensus-building and service.

The **2026 Emergency Physician Leadership Award** will be presented at the **Ohio ACEP Annual Meeting** on May 13, 2026.

The criteria for the Ohio ACEP *Emergency Physician Leadership Award*:

1. Current member of Ohio Chapter ACEP
2. Outstanding emergency physician role model
3. Maintains high professional standards and clinical orientation
4. Achievement in leading Chapter or organizational initiative benefiting emergency medicine

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### **Past award recipients:**

Dr. Gary Katz, *Columbus*; Dr. David Bahner, *Columbus*; Dr. Diane Gorgas, *Columbus*; Dr. Baruch Fertel, *Cleveland*; Dr. Eric Adkins, *Columbus*; Dr. Elizabeth Leenellett; *Cincinnati*; Dr. Stewart Wright; *Cincinnati*; Dr. Gregory Fermann, *Cincinnati* Dr. Eric Drobny, *Columbus* and Dr. Charles Emerman; *Cleveland*.

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## ***Young Emergency Medicine Physician of the Year Nomination Criteria***

The purpose of the *Young Emergency Physician of the Year Award for Ohio Chapter ACEP* is to recognize clinicians of unusual merit and to espouse and encourage members to pursue the ideals of emergency medicine.

The **2026 Young Emergency Medicine Physician of the Year Award** will be presented at the **Ohio ACEP Annual Meeting** on May 13, 2026.

The criteria for the Ohio ACEP *Young Emergency Medicine Physician of the Year Award*:

1. Current member of Ohio Chapter ACEP
2. EM attending physician in their first 10 years of practice post-residency
3. Outstanding emergency physician role model
4. Maintains high professional standards and clinical orientation
5. Provides high-quality health care
6. Demonstrates dedication to emergency medicine and patient care

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**Past award recipients:**

Dr. K. Robert Thompson III, *Cincinnati* (2024 Inaugural Year) and Dr. Kelli L. Jarrell, *Cincinnati*.

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## ***Emergency Medicine Physician Practice Innovation Award Nomination Criteria***

The purpose of the *Emergency Medicine Physician Practice Innovation Award for Ohio Chapter ACEP* is to recognize clinicians who have developed an innovative process, solution, technology or product to solve a significant problem in the practice of emergency medicine.

The **2026 Emergency Medicine Physician Practice Innovation Award** will be presented at the **Ohio ACEP Annual Meeting** on May 13, 2026.

The criteria for the Ohio ACEP *Emergency Medicine Physician Practice Innovation Award*:

1. Current member of Ohio Chapter ACEP
2. Outstanding emergency physician role model for innovation in emergency medicine
3. Demonstrated innovative approaches that improve emergency medicine practice, patient care, or healthcare delivery
4. Evidence of measurable benefit such as improved patient outcomes, workflow efficiency, cost-effectiveness, or enhanced provider/patient experience.
5. Represents a novel idea, adaptation, or application in emergency medicine practice
6. Potential for long-term success and/or replication across other practices or systems.

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2026 Inaugural Year

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## ***Outstanding Emergency Medicine Resident of the Year Nomination Criteria***

The *Emergency Medicine Resident of the Year Award for Ohio Chapter ACEP* recognizes a resident of outstanding merit who demonstrates exemplary clinical promise, leadership and commitment to their patients and emergency medicine.

The **2026 Emergency Medicine Resident of the Year Award** will be presented at the **Ohio ACEP Annual Meeting** on May 13, 2026. The recipient will also be recognized at the **Ohio ACEP Residents' Assembly** on August 12, 2026.

The criteria for the Ohio ACEP *Emergency Medicine Resident of the Year Award*:

1. Current member of Ohio Chapter ACEP
2. Maintains high professional standards and clinical orientation
3. Demonstrates leadership, serves as a role model, and is respected by peers
4. Exhibits dedication to emergency medicine and patient care
5. Demonstrates commitment to residency education

Other factors that are not required, but would be favorably considered, include commitment to community and/or scholarly activity which has impacted the specialty of emergency medicine.

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### **Past award recipients:**

Dr. Rory Stuart, *Dayton*; Dr. Chris Bazzoli, *Cleveland*; Dr. Katherine Hunold Buck, *Columbus*; Dr. Kaitlin Bowers, *Columbus*; Dr. Hannah Hughes, *Cincinnati*; Dr. Sarah Wolochatiuk, *Cincinnati*; Dr. Ashley McMellen, *Cleveland*; Dr. Megan Ladd, *Toledo*; Dr. Matthew Mannion, *Cleveland* and Dr. Olivia Gobble, *Cincinnati*.

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