

## 2021 MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM ALLIED HEALTH LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD

- **Purpose:** To acknowledge and honor military allied health professionals in the Military Health System (MHS) who have demonstrated exemplary leadership and skill resulting in noteworthy clinical or administrative accomplishments.
- **Award Information:**
  - **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please read and follow the instructions provided within this document. The prescribed format must be adhered to for nominees to be scored consistently. *Nomination received in incorrect format will be returned for modification. Final nominations in the correct format must be received no later than 13 Aug 2021 to be considered.*
  - Nominee status: Active duty, Reserves, or National Guard; Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Public Health Service. USPHS officers must work in a MHS facility within the Department of Defense to be eligible.
  - **Categories:**
    - **Junior Allied Health Provider** (O-1 to O-3)
    - **Senior Allied Health Provider** (O-4 to O-6)
    - **Junior Allied Health Non-Provider** (O-1 to O-3)
    - **Senior Allied Health Non-Provider** (O-4 to O-6)
  - **Eligibility:** Military officers in the allied health professions actively involved in any allied health specialty. Due to variations among the Services, any allied health specialty can be submitted to the provider or non-provider category (not both) at the discretion of each Service.
    - Providers include: Audiologists, Clinical Psychologists, Clinical Veterinarians, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Occupational Therapists, Optometrists, Physician Assistants, Physical Therapists, Podiatrists, Speech Pathologists, Dietitians, and Pharmacists.
    - Non-Providers include: Aerospace Physiologists, Bioenvironmental Engineers (including Environmental Health Specialists, Health Physicists, Medical Physicists, Industrial Hygiene Specialists, and Health Facility Architects), Biomedical Laboratory Officers, Medical Entomologists, Microbiologists, Public Health Officers, Researchers in the allied health field, and Toxicologists.
  - **Award period:** Designed to recognize accomplishments within the past 12 months (July 2020-June 2021), rather than lifetime or career. May not have previously won either the Junior or Senior award.
  - **Winners:** One winner for each category (for a total of four awards)
  - **Nomination Package include:**
    - Command endorsement cover letter from the activity Director/Commanding Officer/Commander
    - Nomination Form (following format in attached Nomination Form)
    - Curriculum Vitae (CV) – *limit to three pages or less*
  - Nomination packages must be submitted to the appropriate point of contact (POC) listed below. Each Service POC will coordinate a board process resulting in electronic submission of packages to the Defense Health Agency (DHA).

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- A joint panel comprised of senior medical leaders from the respective Services and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) [OASD(HA)] will review and score each of the nomination packages and determine the award winners.
- Announcement of winners and non-selects will go back to the Service POCs. Profiles of winners will be created and shared on the MHS website after official announcement.
- Guidelines (Lessons Learned from other MHS Awards):
  - Awards will be reviewed by a joint board; specific acronyms and job positions should be clearly explained so judges understand scope.
  - Include measurable contributions rather than “spent countless hours” or “brilliant leader.”
  - Community service should measure activities outside the official job
  - Please do not include copies of award citations
  - Please do not include a photo of nominee
  - Leadership bullets should capture scope of positions held, i.e. numbers supervised, level of leadership, acts of demonstrating leadership traits
  - Please do not cut and paste bullets from evaluations; these usually do not tell the whole story as well about a nominee and the contributions (s) he has made to the practice of military medicine
  - Nomination **must** be in bullet format limited to **2 lines per bullet**.

Any questions, please email:

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For correspondence related to this award, in the subject line of the email, please annotate:  
**Question about the MHS Allied Health Leadership Excellence Award.**

Nomination forms are due to your Service POC (listed below) **NLT 13 Aug 2021**. Scan all pages into one consolidated PDF and submit as one package via ENCRYPTED email and mark as PII.

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**MHS Military Leader Allied Health Leadership Nomination Form**

Full Name of Nominee:	
Grade of Nominee:	
Service:	
Command Address:	
Phone:	
E-Mail:	
Allied Health Specialty:	
Nominated for (Select One):	
Name of Nominator:	
Nominator Phone:	
Nominator E-Mail:	

Major achievements in the nominee's primary allied health specialty (maximum of 6 bullets – 2 lines per bullet):

- Bullet 1
- Bullet 2
- Bullet 3
- Bullet 4
- Bullet 5
- Bullet 6

Contributions to the enhancement of the allied health profession in the MHS through support of the warfighter, innovation, facilitation of change, or the use of research/evidence-based practice (maximum of 3 bullets – 2 lines per bullet):

- Bullet 1
- Bullet 2
- Bullet 3

Leadership abilities, including recognition as an exceptional leader, teacher, clinician, advocate, or mentor (maximum of 3 bullets – 2 lines per bullet):

- Bullet 1
- Bullet 2
- Bullet 3

Community Service and/or involvement in professional associations (maximum of 3 bullets – 2 lines per bullet):

- Bullet 1
- Bullet 2
- Bullet

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[COMMAND LETTERHEAD]

MEMORANDUM FOR MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM MILITARY ALLIED HEALTH  
LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD BOARD

SUBJECT: Nomination of (NAME)

1. I am pleased to nominate (NAME) for this prestigious award. (S)he has a distinguished career as (POSITION). INCLUDE 2-5 LINES (MAX) SUMMARIZING THE NOMINEE'S KEY QUALIFICATIONS
2. (NAME) is fully compliant with all requirements of the (NAME OF SERVICE) fitness and appearance programs. There are no adverse actions pending against this officer.
3. If (NAME) is selected for this award, this command will support and fund his/her travel to attend the award presentation ceremony during the 2021 AMSUS Annual Meeting, scheduled for February 2022.