

American College of Radiology
Criteria and Procedures for the Distinguished Achievement Award (DAA)

1. The ACR Awards and Honors Committee may annually make recommendations to the BOC of one individual for the Distinguished Achievement Award.
2. The award is to be given in recognition of highly notable service to the College and the profession or in recognition of other action or achievement on the part of an individual that reflects in a uniquely favorable manner on the College and the profession of radiology at the national level.
3. The DAA can be awarded by the Board of Chancellors to individuals who deserve significant recognition by the College, but who are not eligible for the Gold Medal. The award is designed to recognize achievements of, among others, leaders in radiologic technology or nursing, statisticians, leaders of other medical organizations, or in business management, legislators, philanthropists, authors, media representatives and patient advocates.
4. An award “cycle” is defined as the time from the July 1 nomination deadline (initial or renewal) until the distribution of the actual awards and will be named for the award distribution year (e.g. nomination July 1 deadline in 2024 for the 2025 award cycle).
5. Nominations are submitted in writing by any member of the College, giving in detail the nominee’s qualifications for the award, and must be accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae or resume of the nominee. The nomination should also include a 150-word (approximate) paragraph detailing why the nominee deserves the Distinguished Achievement Award to be used for drafting the initial press release should the nominee be selected for the award. In addition, there must be a minimum of two letters of support for each nominee from sponsoring College members. Letters should not come from members who are in the same practice as the candidate. The primary nominator is responsible for initiating the submission of letters of support. A nominee will be considered posthumously if he/she dies after nomination, submission/completion before the July 1 deadline (year before the award). (Minimum of three letters – one nomination and two supporting letters – there can be more.)
6. Members on the Committee on Awards and Honors, members on the Board of Chancellors, the Chief Executive Officer and staff of the College are ineligible to act as primary nominators or sponsors nor submit letters of nomination or support. If a letter of support is submitted by a member prior to him/her being appointed to the committee or elected to the BOC, the letter will be accepted as part of the nomination materials.
7. Solicitations for nominations are to appear in the ACR Bulletin and ACR website.
8. Letters of nomination and sponsorship are to be sent to the Chair of the Committee on Awards and Honors in care of the College office, awardsandhonorscommittee@acr.org, by **July 1**. The submitted material will then be duplicated and sent to the members of the committee.
9. The Committee on Awards and Honors makes its recommendations to the Board of Chancellors, submitting no more than one name. The method of voting and establishing the order of preference is to be determined by the committee.

10. The determination of the DAA is by vote of the Board of Chancellors at its fall meeting. No more than one award may be made each year, except possibly for a rare, unusual occasion. However, in any year there may be none.
11. If the committee does not recommend a nominee for the Distinguished Achievement Award, the nomination will be automatically renewed for the following cycle unless the nominator withdraws the nomination for reactivation. Additional supporting information is allowed but not required. Such requests must be received by **July 1** following the non-recommendation to be considered for the second cycle.
12. If the nomination is not renewed for the second cycle, the candidate is ineligible for nomination for two cycles following their last cycle of nomination (e.g. not recommended for cycle year 2025, candidate is ineligible for cycles 2026 and 2027, but is eligible for cycle 2028 with nomination due by July 1, 2027).
13. The award is to be presented at the ACR Convocation.