

## **ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA ROBERT J. GLASER DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARDS**

### **2026 Call for Nominations and Selection Criteria**

In 1988, the Alpha Omega Alpha (AΩA) Honor Medical Society established two awards for outstanding accomplishments in the teaching of medical students. These awards are now known as the Alpha Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Awards. Their purpose is to help catalyze stronger efforts to recognize the significant contributions to medical education made by gifted teachers.

For 2026, the program will provide up to four awards. Each awardee will receive a \$10,000 grant; each awardee's nominating institution will receive \$2,500 for teaching activities; and each awardee's AΩA chapter participating in the nomination process will receive an award of \$1,000 for its activities. Each medical school in the United States and Canada may nominate one faculty member; the nomination is made by the Dean. The 2026 award recipients will be announced in September.

Recipients of the awards are selected by members of a committee appointed jointly by Alpha Omega Alpha (AΩA) and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). The online nomination form must be completed no later than **11:59 pm on Friday, April 3, 2026**.

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**I. 2026 Selection Criteria for All Awards**

- The nominee must hold the rank of Assistant Professor or higher in either a tenure or non-tenure track.
- The nominee's educational accomplishments should be principally in medical student education. Nominees' accomplishments in medical student education will include innovative work and products in the support and delivery of the educational program (e.g., technological enhancements to assist medical students in the learning process).
- The nominee has received prior recognition as an outstanding teacher, either from their institution, another institution, or state/regional/national organizations.
- The nominee has published in the field of medical education, and the nominee's educational materials have been adopted by other institutions. Strong examples include grants, MedEd portal contributions, and invited presentations.
- The nominee demonstrates standards of professional ethics and scientific integrity.
- The institution's system for selecting its Glaser Award nominee provides for broad student participation and the peer judgment of faculty colleagues.
- Previous nominees may be nominated again.
- Nominations for posthumous awards cannot be considered.

**II. Instructions**

- Each LCME-accredited medical school in the United States and Canada may nominate one candidate each year if the institution has not had a recipient of this award in the past three years. The school must designate whether the nomination is for the basic science or clinical science category.
- The nomination must be completed online at:  
<https://www.abstractscorecard.com/cfp/submit/login.asp?EventKey=OHMZCYAL>
- The nominee's curriculum vitae, including a copy of his/her complete bibliography should be included with the online nomination. Letters in support of a nomination *will not* be considered by the selection committee.
- The nomination must be made by the Dean of the medical school. Self-nominations are not accepted. Nominations written in first-person will be considered a self-nomination.
- Completed nominations are due by **11:59 pm on Friday, April 3, 2026**.

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