

MDHA Symbol of Excellence Award

The Maryland Dental Hygienists' Association is pleased to announce the open call for nominations for the Symbol of Excellence Award. The award was created to recognize those members who have provided exemplary service to MDHA and its components.

In order to qualify for the award, the candidate must:

- ◇ Be a current active member of MDHA
- ◇ Have ten years or more of cumulative MDHA active membership and association leadership experience (component/constituent)
- ◇ Be nominated by a member of MDHA
- ◇ Have advanced the art and science of dental hygiene through the association

Guidelines for Nomination:

In order to nominate an Active Member, the member must submit a completed, typewritten application detailing the candidate's leadership experience, community service activities, and association contributions. Curriculum vitas or resumes will NOT be accepted in lieu of a completed application.

Each award recipient will receive:

- ◇ An engraved plaque
- ◇ Recognition during MDHA's Annual Session
- ◇ Recognition in MDHA's Newsletter

The Administrative Committee of MDHA will review all applications. The judging will be completely competitive. The applicant judged most deserving, compared directly to the other nominees, will receive this award.

To submit a nomination, simply complete and return the enclosed application via email attachment to MDHA, Membership Chair, Nancy An at nancyan21@gmail.com no later than August 15, 2019.

Page 1:

Nominee's Name, Address, and Nominee's Years of Membership.

Application submitted by: Name, address and phone number.

Page 2 (Leadership Experience):

List the officer and committee positions held and the years those positions were held.

Do not refer to your nominee by name. A member of the Nominee's association should complete this application. If additional space is needed for this section, please make sure the information is properly labeled.

Page 3 (Community Service):

On a separate sheet of paper, please discuss community service activities related to dental hygiene in which your nominee has been an active participant. Include the level of involvement and outcome, if applicable.

Do not refer to your nominee by name. A member of the Nominee's association should complete this application. If additional space is needed for this section, please make sure the information is properly labeled.

Page 4 (Association Activities):

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe how your nominee has contributed to the advancement of the association other than offices held or committee work. Include detailed descriptions on specific activities including level of involvement, time commitment, and outcomes.

Do not refer to your nominee or component by name. A member of the Nominee's association should complete this application. If additional space is needed for this section, please make sure the information is properly labeled.

Application Checklist

Section I – Leadership Experience	
Section II – Community Service	
Section III – Association Activities	

Maximum total score is 15 points. Each section has a maximum weight of 5 points (*minimum 11 points combined to qualify).

Section I -Leadership Experience Point Description

5 points - positions held **BOTH** officer and committee in **BOTH** component and constituent.

3 points - positions held officer **OR** committee of component **AND** constituent.

1 point - position held officer **OR** committee of component **OR** constituent.

Section II Community Services & Section III Association Activities Point Description

Points for both Section II and Section III will be given a 5, 3, or 1 from each committee member based on the information provided. Total score will be tallied and averaged.

Evaluation Rubric

	5	3	1
Section I-Leadership Experience			
Section II-Community Service Activities			
Section III Association Activities			

Important Information

The MDHA Administrative Committee will evaluate this application. The application will be evaluated based on the responses in each of the following sections:

- Section I – Leadership Experience
- Section II – Community Service Activities
- Section III – Association Activities

Each section will be reviewed independently to achieve a total composite value for each nominee evaluation. The total composite score from all committee members will determine the recipient. The Symbol of Excellence Award will be presented to the applicant receiving the highest score above the established minimum requirements. An award may not be given if minimum requirements are not met.

Please allow ample time for completing the application and provide detailed information for each section.