

Louis M. DiCarlo Award for Recent Clinical Achievement (ASHF)

The DiCarlo Award, presented annually by the ASHA Foundation (ASHF), is a memorial recognition of Louis M. DiCarlo, who had a distinguished clinical career in communication sciences and disorders before his death in 1996 at 93.

The recipient of the national DiCarlo Award receives a recognition plaque and an award of \$2,000 to further their awarded work.

The ASHF selects one recipient each year from a group of State Clinical Achievement Award recipients. The foundation asks each state association to select one person from within the state to receive an award for demonstrated contributions to the advancement of knowledge in clinical practice in audiology or speech-language pathology within the previous six years. That person receives a certificate from ASHF and is named a State Clinical Achievement Award recipient.

State associations establish their own mechanisms for determining their State Clinical Achievement Award recipient. CSHA will recognize a recent achievement based on criteria for the national DiCarlo Award.

Criteria

Nominees are not limited to any one type of clinical achievement or activity, and past nominees are eligible. However, the achievement must be specific, well defined and clearly within the previous six years. Eligible activities or accomplishments include, but are not restricted to, the following examples:

- A single achievement with a client or group of clients.
- A specific clinical service or training program.
- A specific achievement in a state or local organization or government agency activity.
- A specific accomplishment in clinical teaching, research or administration.

Nominations and deadline

Nominations for the California State Clinical Achievement Award must follow the criteria established (below) by ASHF for the DiCarlo Award. Nominations for the California State Clinical Achievement Award must be submitted to the CSHA State Honors Committee. If a state recipient is selected, the CSHA State Honors Committee will submit (online) that individual to ASHF as a nominee for the DiCarlo Award.

Nominators must complete the nomination and summary form and upload the nomination narrative. Absence of requested information will automatically exclude any potential nominee for consideration.

1. Nomination and summary form (online)

Nominators are asked to provide the following information:

- a. Nominee's contact information.
- b. Nominator's contact information.
- c. Recent achievement: Identify the year(s) of recent, specific achievement, which must be within the last six years. The nominator must give the rationale if the recent achievement spans more than one year.
- d. Summary statement: In three sentences or fewer, state why your state association selected this individual as your state nominee.
- e. Selection process: Describe the state association's process for selecting the state nominee and preparing the nomination.

2. Nomination narrative (one PDF file, limit 10 pages)

The nominator should prepare the nomination narrative (addressed to "Review Panel") to explain the rationale for nominating the individual. This narrative text should include the following A–E section headers:

- a. Identification and description of the outstanding clinical achievement. (Include information on when and where the specific achievement took place.)
- b. Description of the significance of the recent achievement.
- c. Explanation of how the nominee's actions have advanced knowledge in clinical practice.
- d. Explanation of the nominee's role in the achievement.
- e. Evidence of support for the nomination through letters, statements and/or other supporting materials (included in 10-page limit).

Format

All sections of the nomination narrative must be uploaded as ONE sequential PDF file. Selected font should be 12 point and uncondensed, and margins should be at least 1 inch. The nomination narrative should be single-spaced and no more than 10 pages. Any page(s) exceeding the limitation will be removed before circulation to the review panel.

Submitting the nomination to CSHA

CSHA may name one person per year to receive the California State Clinical Achievement Award. Any CSHA member may nominate another CSHA member for this award. If CSHA names a recipient, that individual's completed nominations packet will be submitted to ASHF for the DiCarlo Award by CSHA. Complete nomination packets must be emailed in one PDF file to the CSHA Office at honors@csha.org, in accordance with the honors timeline. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered.

Please see www.ashfoundation.org for further information.