



2026 ACGME Thomas J. Nasca Professionalism Award Frequently Asked Questions



Why did the ACGME establish the Thomas J. Nasca Professionalism Award?

The ACGME established the Thomas J. Nasca Professionalism Award to honor Thomas J. Nasca, MD, MACP, who served as the ACGME's President and Chief Executive Officer from 2007 to 2025. The award recognizes his outstanding contributions to promoting professionalism in graduate medical education and his lasting impact on the medical community's commitment to ethical practice, integrity, and patient-centered care.

Who is eligible?

- ACGME-accredited Sponsoring Institutions, including centers that are within Sponsoring Institutions
- Departments
- ACGME-accredited residency and fellowship programs
- Other 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations (e.g., specialty organizations)

What kinds of projects are eligible?

A project may be a test, activity, or initiative that promotes ethical practices, professional integrity, and excellence in patient care as part of its core mission.

How do I make a nomination?

Download the nomination form from the ACGME website, complete it, and submit it along with three **signed** support letters according to the directions on the form. All materials (nomination form and support letters) must arrive by email in **one PDF (portable PDF files are not acceptable)**. To do this, assemble all materials and scan them, Then email the resulting PDF. **Material received in piecemeal or that includes unsigned letters will not be accepted.** Direct any questions to DeLonda Bonasera: dbonasera@acgme.org or 312.755.5059.

What is the deadline for nominations?

All nominations must be emailed before **5:00 p.m. Central on Wednesday, March 12, 2025**. Nominations received after the deadline and/or submitted in piecemeal will not be considered.

How many awards will be given?

One winner will be selected every other year to receive the award.



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What is awarded?

- The awardee will receive a \$10,000 grant.
- Two representatives from the winning organization will receive travel expenses courtesy of the ACGME to the 2026 Annual Educational Conference, which will take place on February 19-21 in San Diego, California.
- Conference registration will be waived for the two representatives.
- The awardee will receive one plaque.
- The awardee will have an opportunity to present on the project's progress at the 2027 Annual Educational Conference.

When will the award winner be announced?

The selection will be made by the ACGME Awards Committee at its fall 2025 meeting, and shortly thereafter the recipient will be notified. Award announcements will then be published in a press release, the *Journal of Graduate Medical Education*, and the ACGME *e-Communication*, as well as on the ACGME website and social media accounts.

When will the award be presented?

Awards will be presented at the 2026 ACGME Annual Educational Conference.