





2026 AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING GOVERNMENT SERVICE

**Feb. 24, 2026
Grand Hyatt Washington
Washington, D.C.**

Submission information

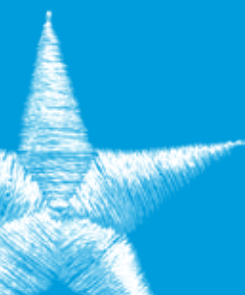
Inaugurated by the American Medical Association in 1989, this awards program recognizes significant achievements by elected and career public servants in national, state and local governments.



Awarded to elected and career public servants in national, state and local government, the **American Medical Association Awards for Outstanding Government Service** are presented for outstanding contributions that “promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health.”

Through these awards, the AMA strives to encourage and stimulate public recognition for the highest standards of service throughout the levels of government. The awards underscore the significant accomplishments attained by men and women who are giving of themselves to advance the well-being of all.

To uphold the dictates of its constitution, the AMA, on behalf of its members, looks forward to receiving your nominations, and to selecting and saluting the recipients of the 2026 American Medical Association Awards for Outstanding Government Service.



Please nominate one or more individuals in any of the categories cited herein who uphold and advance the criteria listed.

★ Award categories

- U.S. senator
- U.S. representative
- Member of the executive branch serving by presidential/political appointment (federal)
- Member of the executive branch in career public service (federal)
- Governor or elected statewide official
- Member of a state legislature
- Career public servant at the state or local level

★ Award criteria

The criteria to be observed in selecting these outstanding individuals shall include one or more of the following:

- Contributed greatly to the public health through elected and career government service
- Is an outstanding leader in their field
- Has high personal integrity
- Promoted the art and science of medicine in or through government service
- Developed a special project that contributed to the public health of a given community or special population

★ Submitting nominations

All nominations must be submitted in a typed format using the enclosed nomination form, or online at

<https://www.ama-assn.org/gov-service-award>.

Nominations must be received at the Office of the Secretariat by 5 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, Nov. 7, 2025.

Nominations should be submitted to:
American Medical Association Awards for
Outstanding Government Service
Office of the Secretariat
7800 Bonhomme Avenue, Suite 200
St. Louis, MO 63105

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the awards secretariat at: (314) 698-9051.



Awards, including a suitable recognition presentation piece, will be made by the AMA upon the selection of winners by an outstanding panel of judges. Judges may determine to select or not select a recipient in a given category. Awards will be presented at a recognition dinner in Washington, D.C.

★ 2025 recipients

Neal Dunn, MD

United States Representative
The State of Florida

Maj. Gen. (ret.) Paul Friedrichs, MD

Adjunct professor, surgery
Uniformed Services University

Jennifer Green, PhD

Public health director
Cumberland County, North Carolina

Richard M. Briggs, MD

United States Senator
The State of Tennessee

Michelle Au, MD, MPH

United States Representative
The State of Georgia

