iaedp™ Foundation ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM POLICY

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Purpose

The iaedp ™ Foundation Annual Awards Program was created to recognize and honor members of the organization who have made outstanding contributions to the Foundation, the field of eating disorders, and the community at large. These awards celebrate individuals whose professional achievements and service exemplify the Foundation's mission and values.

The program is designed to highlight exemplary service across different stages of professional development, ensuring recognition for both seasoned leaders and emerging professionals.

Background

The iaedp Foundation Board of Directors established the Awards Program to formally acknowledge members whose dedication and contributions have significantly advanced the organization's mission. Since its inception, the program has sought to:

- Recognize longstanding commitment and leadership within iaedp.
- Highlight innovative and meaningful contributions by newer professionals in the field.
- Celebrate consistent and exceptional service by members who exemplify goodwill and ambassadorship.
- Provide opportunities to honor extraordinary lifetime achievements as well as unique contributions that fall outside traditional award categories.

The Senior Advisory Council is charged with reviewing nominations and making recommendations to the Board. Final approval of award recipients rests with the Board of Directors.

Policy

Award Categories

- Spirit of iaedp Award
  - Honors an iaedp member of ten or more years who has demonstrated consistent service to the Foundation and its mission.
  - The recipient is typically recognized through active contributions such as symposium presentations or visible engagement in Foundation initiatives.
  - Nominations may be submitted by chapters, the membership at large, or by the Senior Advisory Committee.
  - This award is expected to be presented annually.
- Lifetime Achievement Award
  - Recognizes an individual widely acknowledged for sustained and meaningful contributions to the field of eating disorders and the community throughout their career.

    - Nominations may be submitted by chapters, the membership at large, or by the Senior Advisory Committee.
    - Nominees do not need to be a member of the iaedp Foundation to be considered.
    - This award is not expected to be presented annually.
- Legacy Award
    - Honors an individual whose contributions have created a lasting legacy in the field of eating disorders, shaping how others understand, prevent, or treat eating disorders and continuing to benefit the field through the people, knowledge, programs, or institutions they have helped develop.
    - The award recognizes the enduring influence of a person's work beyond their individual accomplishments. Examples include mentoring generations of professionals, establishing programs or organizations that continue to serve the community, or advancing research, education, or clinical practices that others continue to use and build upon.
    - Nominations must demonstrate how the nominee's contributions have been sustained, adopted, or carried forward by others and how they continue to benefit the field. Length of service alone is not sufficient for this award.
    - Nominations may be submitted by chapters, the membership at large, or by the Senior Advisory Committee.
    - Nominees do not need to be a member of the iaedp Foundation to be considered.
    - This award is not expected to be presented annually.
- New Professional Award
    - Recognizes an iaedp member with five or fewer years in the field who has made noteworthy contributions to the Foundation and the eating disorders profession.
    - Examples include community training events, scholarly contributions, fundraising initiatives, or mentorship of other new professionals.
    - Nominations may be submitted by chapters, the membership at large, or by the Senior Advisory Committee.
    - This award is expected to be presented annually.
- Member of the Year Award
    - Honors an iaedp member with at least six years of professional experience who has consistently exceeded expectations in service to the Foundation.
    - Contributions may include leadership in chapters, conference involvement, scholarly work, program development, or championing initiatives aligned with the organization's mission.
    - Nominations may be submitted by chapters, the membership at large, or by the Senior Advisory Committee.
    - This award is expected to be presented annually.
- Special Service Recognition Award
    - Awarded on occasion to individuals, whose unique contributions significantly benefit the iaedp Foundation or the broader field, but do not fall within the criteria of other award categories.
    - Nominations may be submitted by chapters, the membership at large, or by the Senior Advisory Committee.
    - Nominees do not need to be a member of the iaedp Foundation to be considered.
    - This award is not expected to be presented annually.

Eligibility

- Current members of the Board of Directors and the Awards Committee are ineligible for nomination while serving.

- Individuals may receive more than one award throughout their lifetime, though only one award may be given per year.

Nomination Process

- Nominations may come from chapters, the membership at large, or by the Senior Advisory Committee.
- Except for nominations submitted by the Senior Advisory Council, each nomination must include:
    - A statement (750 words maximum) describing the nominee's qualifications and reasons for consideration.
    - A curriculum vitae or résumé.
    - Any supporting documentation.
    - One letter of support from an iaedp member.
- For nominations submitted by the Senior Advisory Council, only a statement of 750 words maximum describing the nominee's qualifications and reasons for consideration is required for recordkeeping purposes. Additional supporting documentation, including a curriculum vitae or résumé and a letter of support, is optional.

Selection and Approval

- The Senior Advisory Council reviews all eligible nominations and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- The Board ratifies final award decisions.
- Awards are intended to be given annually, though this is not a requirement.

Guiding Principle

The overarching goal of the Awards Program is to recognize members whose work embodies exemplary, consistent, and substantial contributions to the iaedp Foundation, the profession of eating disorders treatment, and the community at large. Through this recognition, the Foundation honors those who bring help and hope to countless individuals in need.