

2026 Quality Awards Nominations Are Open! -Online-

Let's celebrate our long-term care superstars!

Nominations are due on or before April 10, 2026

Award nominations are digital! **All nominations must be submitted via online forms at www.wvhca.org.** Look for the "Quality Award Program" under Browse.

- Administrator of the Year (*Nursing Facility Members Only*)
- Outstanding Assisted Living Professional (*Assisted Living Members Only*)
- Director of Nursing of the Year
- Adult Volunteer of the Year (*May be an Individual or Group*)
- Youth Volunteer of the Year (*May be an Individual or Group*)
- Best Practice Award
- Nurse of the Year (*RN, LPN*)
- CNA of the Year
- Therapy Professional of the Year
- Individual Excellence (*May include Social Worker, Environmental Staff, Activity Professional, Dietary Staff, Business Office Manager, Marketing Admissions Coordinator, etc.*)(**This award does not include Nurses**)
- Distinguished Service Award
- Futures Award

Award winners will be recognized at the WVHCA Annual Awards Gala In September.

WVHCA Awards Committee - Rules of Entry For 2026 WVHCA Annual Convention Awards Program

To ensure that your entries will be considered. Please carefully read the Rules of Entry and complete the following steps:

STEPS TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Complete the Application and Nomination Forms, following the Rules of Entry below
2. Submit nominations to WVHCA on or before the following deadlines:
 - a. **Award nominations** must arrive at WVHCA on or before: **Friday, April 10, 2026**
 - b. **Deficiency free** is due: **Friday, April 10, 2025**

Rules of Entry:

FACILITY/NOMINEE REQUIREMENTS:

- The nominating facility must be in good standing with the West Virginia Health Care Association.
- Nominees must be currently employed by a member facility and in good standing with his/her respective licensing board(s), if applicable.
- The same person cannot win two different award categories in the same year.
- A winning candidate from the previous year is not eligible for the same act or service in the same category for three years. However, if the winning candidate performed a completely different act or service in a category which they won previously, then they may be nominated in the same category.
- A list of previous award recipients is available at www.wvhca.org under Browse- Quality Awards Program.

APPLICATION AND NOMINATION FORM REQUIREMENTS:

- All nomination forms must remain anonymous where noted and **must NOT reveal the identity of your nominee or facility. Some award categories may request copies of news clippings or press releases; we are not concerned about revealing the identity of the facility/staff in these items.**

WINNERS: You will be contacted if your nominee was selected as a winner. We will not contact the winners without first notifying the individuals who nominated them