



## APF Gold Medal Award for Life Achievement in the Practice of Psychology

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### **About the Gold Medal Award for Life Achievement in the Practice of Psychology**

The Gold Medal Award for Life Achievement in the Practice of Psychology recognizes a distinguished career and enduring contribution to advancing the professional practice of psychology. This award is meant to honor colleagues whose career has focused on either the practice of psychology or advancing the practice of psychology.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Eligibility is typically limited to psychologists 65 years or older residing in North America, who have a minimum of two years in independent practice and licensure or certification in the state in which the nominees practice.

Gold medalists are selected by peers on the basis of evidence of sustained superior performance which is recognizable at a national (rather than local or regional) level.

Additional criteria may include:

*Distinguished Service:* Evidence of distinguished, sustained service in the practice of psychology is required.



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*Achievement of Excellence:* Evidence of recognition by other professional/scientific groups of a kind not routinely accorded to all practicing psychologists. All nominees should have excellent overall personal and professional reputations.

*Extraordinary Recognition:* Evidence of having received national or international recognition from one's colleagues for contributions to psychological practice.

*Significant Contributions:* The publication of articles, books, monographs and other practice and/or scientific writings which have made a demonstrable impact on the practice and thinking of colleagues on more than a local basis, in their field of endeavor.

Contributions may be judged distinguished by virtue of peer recognition, advancement of the public's recognition of psychology as a profession, relevant professional association honors, or other meritorious accomplishments denoting excellence as a practitioner or research scientist including advancement of the profession.

*Nominees should not have received disciplinary action from a state board of examiners in psychology and must have no history of ethical violations at the state or national level.*

### **Nomination Requirements**

Nomination letters should indicate the specific Gold Medal Award for which the individual is being nominated and should include the following:

- Nomination statement that addresses the award criteria;
- Nominee's current vita and bibliography;
- Letters in support of the nomination are welcome, but please refrain from sending supplementary materials such as videos, books, brochures, or magazines;
- All nomination materials should be coordinated and collected by a chief nominator and submitted to APF online.

### **Submission Process and Deadline**

Please submit completed nominations online by **December 1, 2016.**

<http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/gold-medal.aspx>

Questions about this program should be directed to Erin Carney, Program Officer at [ecarney@apa.org](mailto:ecarney@apa.org)

*Please be advised that APF does not provide feedback to grant applicants or award nominees on their proposals or nominations.*