CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2017 NAMME NATIONAL AWARDS

The 2017 NAMME National Awards will be presented at the 2017 National Conference to be held at Hilton Long Beach, Long Beach, CA, September 20-24, 2017. The three (3) awards listed below are open for nominations. The fourth award to be presented, the NAMME President’s Award, will be at the full discretion of the National President.

- NAMME National Award for Distinguished Service in the Health Field
- NAMME National Emerging Leadership Award
- NAMME Diversity Leadership Award

Qualifications for the three awards are outlined. Information materials for all nominations must be submitted electronically by Tuesday August 22, 2017 to: charlotta.taylor@quinnipiac.edu

Nomination materials for these awards must be submitted together in one packet and include:

- A head shot, color photograph of the nominee
- Name, address, telephone number and email address of the nominator and nominee
- Letter clearly outlining “why” the nominee should be considered for the award based on the qualifications listed
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the nominee

All nominees must be nominated by an NAMME member in good standing.

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS:

NAMME National Award for Distinguished Service in the Health Field

The candidate must have demonstrated distinguished service in the health field to minority and/or disadvantaged citizens in the community, health care institutions, and/or academic institutions of higher education.

or

The candidate must have demonstrated excellence in a quality practice in one of the healthcare professions with demonstrated commitment to the health of minorities and other disadvantaged citizens.

or

The candidate must have an exemplary record in the financial support of public or private programs that undergird minority access into and retention in the appropriate health professions institutions.

or

The candidate must have sensitivity to the multicultural issues that encompass a demonstrated commitment to equal opportunity policies, practices, and goals of law relating to minorities.
The candidate must have established a professional reputation and track record that endorses and supports the ultimate goal of NAMME to increase the number of minorities in the health professions.

The candidate must have preferably an appropriate terminal degree (Ph.D., M.D., D.D.S, etc); a Master’s Degree with minimum of (5) years of experience is acceptable.

Selected recipient may or may not be a member of NAMME

**NAMME National Emerging Leadership Award**

This award is for the new members of NAMME (membership in NAMME of one to seven years) who demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities and dedication to the mission of NAMME, its programs and activities. They fully embrace NAMME through their work and commitment to the organization, and by attracting other new and emerging leaders to join the NAMME membership ranks at the regional and national levels. They are a strong, recognized ‘voice’ on the current issues being addressed at the state and national levels that impact NAMME (i.e., federal and state budget cuts and public policy that negatively impact NAMME’s mission; lack of university/school commitment to diversity in the health professions, etc.). They exude energy, enthusiasm and clarity in both their presentations and writings about NAMME as well as their general appeal to the public they encounter on the need to end disparities in the representation of minorities and disadvantaged students and minority practitioners in the health sciences compared to their presence in the general population of their state, region or the nation. Finally, they bring vision to the future sustainability of NAMME as a viable, thriving organization, and how they can contribute to NAMME’s future in a leadership role.

- There are no educational requirements for this award.
- Selected recipient must be a member of NAMME.

**NAMME Diversity Leadership Award**

The NAMME Diversity Leadership Award is designed to recognize, on an annual basis, a non-NAMME member who has made significant contributions toward institutionalizing the mission and goals of NAMME and its commitment to diversity. This award will recognize exemplary leadership in manifesting the ideals of diversity through innovative, dynamic, and/or practical actions.

**Criteria for Selection:** We seek nominees who have:

- done exemplary work in advancing the cause of diversity which is reflected, both, in the number of people directly impacted by the initiative as well as the likely length and duration of that impact;

- engaged in and supported the process of enhancing diversity in dynamic, and/or innovative ways;
• influenced change regarding diversity that can be clearly documented within the infrastructure of their respective institution.

Attention will be given to the scope of the candidate’s activities with respect to the relative time, effort, resources, and commitment involved in implementing initiatives and how they relate to the overall mission of enhancing diversity in the health professions.

All nominees for the NAMME Diversity Leadership Award will be assessed on evidence provided in relation to the following criteria:

• Demonstrated leadership in their organization by leading and supporting efforts to enhance the recruitment and retention of members of diverse groups, especially those individuals who are members of historically underrepresented, and those who are economically and/or educationally disadvantaged.

• Fostered the cause of diversity by promoting and engaging in informed dialogue as well as actions to promote diversity.

• Influenced the institutional environment by encouraging cross-cultural understanding through curricular changes and other educational initiatives.

• Contributed to the variety and richness of diversity by endorsing and supporting programming, special initiatives, and cultural events.

Selection: The Awardee will be selected by the NAMME National Awards Committee and will be notified of their selection no later than August 30, 2017. It is anticipated that the awardee will accept the award at the 2017 National Conference to be held at the Hilton Long Beach Hotel. Travel to the national conference and one night’s hotel stay will be paid by NAMME up to $1000.

Deadline for All Award Nominations:

Nominations should be submitted electronically to the NAMME National Awards Chairperson, Charlotta R. Taylor, by August 22, 2017 at the following e-mail: address: charlotta.taylor@quinnipiac.edu.

NAMME PRESIDENT’S AWARD

The NAMME President’s Award recipient is for a member of NAMME whom the President deems to be worthy of national recognition for outstanding service to NAMME either at the national or regional levels. Selection of the person for this award is at the full discretion of the NAMME National President. There are no educational requirements for this award.