

Nominate a Federal Healthcare Executive for Recognition

The nomination period for the 2027 Federal Healthcare Executive Special Achievement Award and Federal Healthcare Executive Award for Excellence is open. All nominations for the Federal Healthcare Executive Awards must be approved by division leadership and submitted by the awards contact for each service division. **Nominations are due by noon Central Time, Nov. 2, 2026. No extensions will be granted.**

Award Information

The awards recognize two federal healthcare executives who have had a significant and lasting impact on military and/or public healthcare delivery. Selections for these honors are made at the discretion of the AHA and are not mandatory.

- **Federal Healthcare Executive Special Achievement Award.** The Federal Healthcare Executive **Special Achievement Award** recognizes a federal career healthcare executive (uniformed or non-uniformed commissioned officer at the O-5 level or lower, or GS-14 level or lower equivalent) who has distinguished themselves through a singular significant achievement or multiple sustained achievements that enhanced the organization's mission and/or contributed to the improvement of the federal healthcare system during the 18-month period from mid-2025 through 2026.
- **Federal Healthcare Executive Award for Excellence.** The Federal Healthcare Executive **Award for Excellence** recognizes a senior federal healthcare executive (uniformed or non-uniformed career commissioned officer at the O-6 level or higher, or GS-15 level or higher equivalent) who has distinguished themselves through leadership in directing and orchestrating innovative achievements that contributed substantially to the mission of the federal healthcare system during the 18-month period from mid-2025 through 2026.

The awards will be presented at the **2027 AHA Annual Membership Meeting, April 18-20, 2027, in Washington, DC**. Information about past Federal Healthcare Award recipients can be found at <https://www.aha.org/federal-health-care-executive-awards>. For questions, please contact federalawards@aha.org.

Eligibility

Each service or agency is invited to submit **no more than two** nominations for each award. Additional nominations will not be accepted.

Requirements

All nominations must be approved by division leadership and submitted by the awards contact for each service division.

Deadline

Nominations are due by **noon Central Time, Monday, Nov. 2, 2026, via our online award platform. No extensions will be granted.**

Guidance for Completing a Nomination

- To submit a nomination, go to <https://aha-awards.secure-platform.com/>. If you have not submitted a nomination previously, please create an account. If you submitted a nomination last year, please log in using your email address and password for the platform. **Note:** This password is not the same as your AHA/aha.org password.
- All nomination information and documents must be submitted through the online platform. Emailed nomination forms or materials will not be accepted.
- Three separate PDF documents are required for the nomination: a document with examples of how the nominee meets the award criteria; a letter of recommendation for the nominee; and four pages of the nominee's CV/resume. Please upload **only** the requested document in each section. A single PDF file containing all documents will not be reviewed.
- Fill in all fields marked with an asterisk. If a question does not apply, enter "NA."
- Incomplete nominations or nominations with documents that exceed the maximum page limit will not be reviewed.
- Submitted nominations cannot be modified or edited.
- The nomination portal closes at **noon Central Time, Monday, Nov. 2, 2026. No extensions will be granted.**
- After the nomination is submitted, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not see it in your inbox, check your clutter, spam, and junk folders.

Begin a Nomination

To begin a nomination, close this tab. If you have not submitted a nomination or application for an AHA award in the past 12 months, you will need to create an account before beginning the nomination form.

If you have questions about the awards or completing the nomination form, please email federalawards@aha.org.