



2026 ALBERT BORISH AWARD

GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION

Nomination Deadline: April 15, 2026

In 1972, AGD established an award to honor the remarkable accomplishments of a member and educator who exhibited courage in the face of insurmountable odds. His blindness, caused by a condition aggravated by diabetes, meant a whole new way of life. At the time of his death in 1971, Dr. Borish was director of the division of Continuing Dental Education at Temple University School of Dentistry, his alma mater. He served as president and editor of the Philadelphia County Dental Society and as a trustee of the Pennsylvania Dental Association. Dr. Borish also served as chair of the AGD's Council on Continuing Education (now Dental Education Council). His work will remain a living memorial attesting to his advanced thinking and greatness.

Award Profile

- A member or non-member, dentist or non-dentist is eligible for nomination.
- Exhibits courage in the face of insurmountable odds or challenges and further exemplifies a commitment to education.
(Potential challenges could include overcoming addictions, medical conditions, mental health illnesses, economic hardships, rehabilitation after a major trauma or injury, or social adversity in the face of abuse or discrimination).
- Demonstrates dedication far beyond the average to the advancement of the profession.
- Demonstrates tenacity of purpose in carrying out goals and ideals.
- Has been innovative in the promulgation of constructive programs.
- Exhibits selflessness and possesses a deep interest in all facets of dentistry.

Guidelines and Selection Process

- Nominations may only be submitted by an active AGD member in good standing in the organization.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- Individuals may be nominated by others outside his/her region.
- The nominee may not be a current member of the AGD Board or Regional Directors, nor be a candidate for office.
- The award will not be given to the same individual more than once; therefore, past recipients are ineligible.
- A nominator is limited to one Borish Award nomination per year.
- A completed nomination form, letter of recommendation, along with a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae (CV), must be received at AGD Headquarters by **April 15, 2026**.
- Other supporting documentation may be submitted to substantiate the character of the nominee (testimonials, photos, newsletters, articles).
- It shall be the duty of the Awards Committee to act as the Screening Committee for all nominees.
- Staff will forward all nominations and supplemental materials to the Awards Committee for consideration.
- The committee will submit a list of nominees for vetting by the Board.
- After the list of nominees have been vetted by the Board, the committee shall select the final award recipients to be ratified by the Board.
- The Awards Committee also has the option to forego recommending a recipient to the AGD Board.
- Typically, only one award is granted annually. However, if the caliber of nominees is particularly outstanding, two awards may be granted.
- Nominations may be resubmitted for consideration the following year for qualified candidates.

Award Presentation

The recipient will be presented with the Albert Borish Award during the 2026 Annual Meeting.



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APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION

Please return this nomination form by April 15, 2026 to:

AGD Awards Committee
Attn: Office of the Executive Director
560 W. Lake St., Sixth Floor
Chicago, IL 60661-6600
Email: executiveoffice@agd.org
For questions, please call: 888.243.3368, ext. 4330

Please type all responses. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Nominator Name: _____ **AGD Member ID:** _____

Title/Position: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

Nominee Name: _____ **AGD Member ID:** _____

Title/Position: _____

Designation/Degrees/Certifications: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

The above individual is being nominated to receive the AGD Borish Award at the 2026 Annual Meeting.

Nominator Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

When answering the questions below, please be brief. Remember to include a copy of the nominee's CV with the application.

1. How has the nominee shown courage in the face of insurmountable odds or challenges?

2. How has the nominee displayed dedication far beyond the average in making positive changes to the dental profession?

3. How has the nominee been involved in the promulgation of constructive programs?

4. How has the nominee exhibited tenacity of purpose in carrying out goals and ideals?

5. What other facets of the dental profession is the nominee involved?

6. In what ways does the nominee exhibit selflessness and possess a deep interest in all facets of dentistry?

7. Name other reasons the nominee should be considered for the Borish Award.