



# 2026 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

## GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION

**Nomination Deadline: April 15, 2026**

### Award Profile

- Nominee must be current or past council, committee, or task force member.
- Has made a contribution that has advanced the work of the AGD on a national level in a measurable way resulting in the long-term enhancement of the goals/core purpose of the AGD.
- Has demonstrated exemplary dedication to the AGD.
- Has shown innovation and leadership when making positive changes for the benefit of the membership, the AGD, and the dental profession.
- Contributions were made while serving AGD in an appointed (not elected) position.
- Has contributed time and effort beyond that required by his/her fulfillment of a council, committee, or task force appointment.

### 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 Distinguished Service 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 Distinguished Service 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AGD Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation/Degrees/Certifications: \_\_\_\_\_

Current or Past Council/Committee/Task Force \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**The above individual is being nominated to receive the AGD Distinguished Service Award during 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. Describe in detail the nominee's service to the AGD on the local, state and national level.
2. What leadership qualities has the nominee displayed?
3. How has the nominee served above and beyond the usual volunteer commitment?
4. How have the nominee's contributions resulted or will result in the advancement of the goals, vision and mission of the AGD?
5. Explain the nominee's service to the dental profession in general (service other than AGD and constituent activities).
6. Name other reasons the nominee should be considered for the Distinguished Service Award.