



American Medical Women's Association
The Vision and Voice of Women in Medicine since 1915

American Medical Women's Association Awards Descriptions & Criteria

Elizabeth Blackwell Award: This award, initiated in 1949 by Elise S. L'Esperance, M.D., is granted annually to a woman physician (member or non-member) who has made the most outstanding contribution to the cause of women in the field of medicine.

- Woman physician either working or having worked in the U.S
- Influenced the ever-expanding role of women in medicine
- Demonstrated commitment, originality, innovation, or creativity in her field of medicine
- Made pathways for other women in medicine
- Made exceptional contribution to the image of women in medicine
- Overcame adversity in medicine
- Achieved recognition as a leader in women's health in the area of public policy, health care delivery, research, medical education, patient care, application of basic sciences to health care

Woman in Science Award: The Woman in Science Award is presented to a woman physician who has made exceptional contributions to medical science, especially in women's health, through her basic and/or clinical research, publications, and leadership in her field.

- Evidence of top-quality scientific research
- Extensive publication record
- High national leadership profile
- Chair of national committees
- Presidency of national scientific organizations
- National lecturer/presenter
- History of advocacy on women's health issues

Bertha VanHoosen Award: This annual award honors a woman physician who has been an active member of the association for at least five years and who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and service to AMWA.

Camille Mermod Award: Initiated in 1969 by Josephine E. Renshaw, M.D., this award is given to a non-physician who has rendered exceptional service to the association. It need not be awarded every year, but only when it is justly deserved. On rare occasions, the award is presented to a physician whose exceptional service to the Association is unrelated to her capacity as a physician.

Lila a. Wallis Women's Health Award: This annual award is given to that individual (woman or man - physician or non-physician) whose lifetime achievements, accomplishments, motivations, mentorship, energy and enthusiasm for women's healthcare, education, and research reflect the trailblazing achievements and influence in women's health exemplified by Lila A. Wallis, MD, MACP.

Anne C. Carter Student Leadership Award (Began In 2004):AMWA honors the memory of Anne C. Carter, MD, with an annual award for outstanding student leadership.

Criteria:

- National AMWA medical student member
- Demonstrated exceptional leadership skills through vision, inspiration, innovation, and coordination of local projects that further the mission of AMWA by improving women's health and/or supporting women in medicine
- Must be nominated by an AMWA student chapter

Both the individual award recipient and the nominating chapter receive funds (to be used at the chapter's discretion). Awardees will be honored during AMWA's Annual Meeting. The individual award recipient, as well as members of the student chapter, are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting. The chapter stipend may be used to assist in the cost of attendance.