



ACEP Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section Award

Nomination Schedule

ACEP24: September 29- October 2

Awards: Silver Birch, GEMS Warrior, Golden Heart, Distinguished Trainee, Advancing Health Equity	
Action Item	
Call for Nominations	7/1
Call for Nominations Reminder	7/12
Nominations Deadline	7/21
Notice #1 about upcoming ballot	8/2
Ballots Sent	8/5
Officer Voting Closes	8/19
Section Meeting Date	8/29

Silver Birch

Purpose: This award was developed to honor someone whose work and advocacy has furthered the field of Geriatric Emergency Medicine, especially those who are unfunded/volunteers. Not restricted to physicians, this award can be given to anyone who the ACEP board feels has significantly contributed to furthering geriatric emergency medicine.

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The Geriatric EM Section (GEMS) board accepts nominations from GEMS members and completes an internal vote on the winner. The Accolade and Certificate are given during the GEMS meeting at each ACEP Scientific Assembly Annual Meeting.

Eligibility: Anyone who has furthered geriatric emergency medicine. No requirement to be a physician or Section member. Does not need to be a member of the Section. May not have previously won this award in the preceding 5 years.

Nominated by: ACEP Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section Board internal nominations

Decided by: ACEP Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section Board

GEMS Warrior

Purpose: This award was developed to honor a physician member of the geriatric emergency medicine section for outstanding contributions to geriatric emergency medicine, especially within the area of policy advocacy and excellence in administration.

Eligibility: Must be a GEMS physician member for at least 12 months. Section Officers and those who have won the award within the past 5 years are not eligible.

Nominated by: Open to nominations by the Section including self-nominations. The top 3 nominees, determined by the Awards Committee, will be asked to highlight their contributions to the Section with a brief (250 words or less) statement.

Decided by: GEMS Section Membership

The Golden Heart Award

Purpose: This award was developed to honor a clinical team member or group who has gone above and beyond by demonstrating a specific, extraordinary, act of kindness toward an emergency department older patient.

Eligibility: Must be a member of an interdisciplinary clinical team which includes clinicians (physicians and advanced practice providers), nurse, social worker, case manager, physical or occupational therapist or another clinical team member or a team of people. Does not need to be a Section member. May not have previously won this award in the preceding 5 years.

Nominated by: Open to nominations by Section members. Nominators submit nominations with a specific example of an Act of Kindness that would be considered “above and beyond” usual care provided to older adults. Not open to self-nominations.

Decided by: GEMS Section Membership

Distinguished Trainee Award

Purpose: This award was developed to recognize the substantial contributions of trainees to geriatric emergency medicine. Contributions may include education, research, clinical or administrative projects. Candidates should demonstrate a commitment to pursuing GEM as a future career path.

Eligibility: Medical students, EM residents or GEM fellows. May not have won this award in the preceding 5 years.

Nominated by: Open to nominations by Section members. Nominators must submit nominations describing the trainees’ contribution and the evidence that they are committed to a future in GEM. Up to 3 awards per year may be given.

Decided by: GEMS Section Membership

Advancing Health Equity Achievement Award

Purpose: This award was developed to recognize the substantial contributions that an individual has made to addressing disparities in acute geriatric care settings and championing diversity, equity, and inclusion concepts and perspectives as it relates to geriatric emergency medicine. Contributions may include education, research, clinical or administrative projects. Candidates should demonstrate a commitment to pursuing DEI in GEM.

Eligibility: Must be a GEMS physician member for at least 12 months. Section Officers and those who have won the award within the past 5 years are not eligible.

Nominated by: Open to nominations by Section members. Nominators must submit nominations describing the individual's contribution, in the area defined by the award, and the evidence that they are committed to a future in GEM.

Decided by: GEMS Section Membership