

SHAV Honors Nomination Form

Current SHAV members may submit a nomination by completing the nomination form and including a letter of recommendation from the nominator along with one additional letter of recommendation from a current SHAV member. The Fellow Award requires two letters of recommendation in addition to the nominator's letter. Posthumous nominations are accepted for SHAV members who passed away during the nomination year. Current SHAV Board members and Honors Committee members are ineligible to submit nominations (except for the Distinguished Service Award) or be nominated while actively serving in those roles.

All components of the nomination packet must be submitted together to the SHAV office. Nominators should review all supporting documentation to ensure all award criteria are met. Failure to adhere to the required components and instructions may result in rejection. Only complete applications received by the deadline will be reviewed by the Honors Committee. The **deadline** for submission is January 8, 2027.

Criteria for Awards

FELLOW

- Current member of SHAV and
- Active participant in the professions of audiology and/or speech-language pathology for not less than five years and
- Outstanding contribution to SHAV through service on committees, the Board of Directors, or other significant capacity; and
- Outstanding contribution to the professions in at least two of these areas: clinical service, academic or clinical teaching, research and publications that contribute to the knowledge of the field, and administrative service.

STATE CLINICAL ACHIEVEMENT (The recipient becomes Virginia's nominee for the ASHF DiCarlo Award.)

- Current member of SHAV and
- Outstanding advancement in clinical practice knowledge through significant achievements realized within the ***past six years*** in the fields of speech-language pathology or audiology. Contributions must be clearly defined and specific to this recent timeframe rather than reflecting a lifetime of work.

Eligible activities or accomplishments include, but are not restricted to, the following examples:

- A single achievement with a client or group of clients.
- A specific clinical service or training program.
- A specific achievement in a state or local organization or government agency activity.
- A specific accomplishment in clinical teaching, research, or administration.

The recipient of the DiCarlo Award is chosen from among individuals who have been nominated by their state association for the State Clinical Achievement Award. The Honors Committee is responsible for preparing the nomination to the ASHFoundation.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADER

- Current member of SHAV and
- Member of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association and/or Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) (including the local chapter) and
- Active participant in NSSLHA and/or SAA for not less than 18 months; and
- Outstanding contributor to local or national NSSLHA/SAA or to SHAV.

EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONAL

- Current member of SHAV and
- Engaged in the profession for 10 years or less; and
- Demonstrated the advancement of knowledge in clinical practice or research as evidenced by significant accomplishment within the past five years in audiology or speech-language pathology.

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD

- Member of SHAV for at least five consecutive years including the award year and
- Obtained at least five years of professional experience focused in academics, research or as an administrator of speech-language and/or audiology services; and
- Distinguished in one or more of the following areas:
 - Developing or supporting new and innovative clinical techniques in speech-language pathology or audiology,
 - Being recognized as a leader in research (i.e. publication history, presentations at local, state and/or national meetings),
 - Sharing expertise through leading, teaching, mentoring and/or supervising in advancement of the field
 - Advocacy contributions at the local, state and/or national level

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (Non-member contributor)

- Organization or an individual (not a Speech Language Pathologist or Audiologist) that supports the goals and mission of the Association and its members through their service to SHAV and the lives of those served.
- Nominees are considered for one or more of the following areas:
 - Consumer advocacy
 - Governmental affairs
 - Public awareness
 - Education
 - Healthcare
 - Research

Nominee: _____

Award: ☐ Fellow ☐ Clinical Achievement ☐ Outstanding Student Leader ☐ Early Career Professional
☐ Distinguished Professional Service ☐ Early Career Professional

Nominator: _____

Nominator contact information (Email and phone): _____

Return form and all supporting nomination documentation to the SHAV Office:

Email @ shavoffice@shav.org