



Agnes Purcell McGavin Award for Prevention

Purpose

The American Psychiatric Association (APA) recognizes a child and adolescent psychiatrist who has made significant contributions to the prevention of mental disorders in children and adolescents by awarding the Agnes Purcell McGavin Award for Prevention.

This award is given to a child/adolescent psychiatrist who has had proven success in research or policy with programs in primary prevention for children and adolescents. An APA member must nominate the doctor or research team for the award. Members of the McGavin Awards Committee are ineligible.

This award was established in 1964, and the second award for a distinguished career was added 1999. These two awards are funded by a bequest from the Dr. Agnes Purcell McGavin.

A plaque and a \$1,500 award are presented at the APA Convocation of Fellows at the Annual Meeting.

History

From 1964 to 1999, one Agnes Purcell McGavin Award for Prevention was presented each year. Past winners include: Edith B. Jackson, M.D.; David M. Levey, M.D.; Laretta Bender, M.D.; Margaret Mahler, M.D.; Reginald S. Lourie, M.D.; Othilda M. Krug, M.D.; Eleanor Pavenstedt, M.D.; Viola Bernard, M.D.; George Tarjan, M.D.; E. James Anthony, M.D.; Albert Solnit, M.D.; Hilda Bruch, M.D.; Stella Chess, M.D.; Henry H. Work, M.D.; James P. Comer, M.D.; Benjamin Pasamanick, M.D.; Jeanne Spurlock, M.D.; Dennis P. Cantwell, M.D.; Norbert Enzer, M.D.; David Shaffer, M.D.; Peter Jensen, M.D.; David Offord, M.D.; John McDermott, M.D.; and David Mrazek, M.D. Award winners for prevention since 2000 include: Donald J. Cohen, M.D.; Sandra Kaplan, M.D.; Judith Rapoport, M.D.; William R. Beardslee, M.D.; Charles Casat, M.D.; and Steve Adelsheim, M.D.

Eligibility

The candidate for this award must be nominated by an APA member. A nomination letter should cite in detail how the nominee's career has contributed to primary prevention among American children and influenced the general well-being of young people.

Submissions:

1. A cover letter describing the work of the nominee
2. A current curriculum vitae

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The deadline for nominations is June 1, 2012. All materials should be in by that date.