

New Jersey Medical School Golden Apple Guidelines

Introduction

1. The Golden Apple Awards Gala recognizes a set of impactful, passionate, and student-centric faculty, attending physicians, resident physicians, administrators, and preceptors each year.
2. The process is entirely student-driven and student-run, and the receipt of a Golden Apple Award is considered a teaching honor that is anecdotally recognized across medical institutions.
3. First- and second-year students may nominate up to three (3) teaching faculty for consideration for the award; third- and fourth-year students may nominate up to three (3) attending physicians and three (3) resident physicians for consideration for the award; and all students may additionally nominate one (1) administrator and one (1) community preceptor for consideration for the award.
4. All nominees will be invited to the Golden Apple Awards Gala.
5. Nominees that are determined to be eligible to win for that year will be added to a ballot to be sent out to students.
6. Students shall be allowed to cast the number of votes per category equivalent to the number of nominations they were allowed to submit.

Eligibility Requirements and Guidelines

1. Teaching Faculty Awards
 - a. Three (3) faculty members shall be awarded this Golden Apple on behalf of the first-year class, and three (3) faculty members shall be awarded this Golden Apple on behalf of the second-year class.
 - b. Nominees will be designated as ineligible if they have won this award two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to the current awards cycle.
 - c. Nominees designated as ineligible for a particular awards cycle shall be eligible for the award during the following year.
2. Attending Physician Awards
 - a. Three (3) attending physicians shall be awarded this Golden Apple on behalf of the third-year class, and three (3) attending physicians shall be awarded this Golden Apple on behalf of the fourth-year class.
 - b. Nominees will be designated as ineligible if they have won this award two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to the current awards cycle.
 - c. Nominees designated as ineligible for a particular awards cycle shall be eligible for the award during the following year.
3. Resident Physician Awards
 - a. Three (3) resident physicians shall be awarded this Golden Apple on behalf of the third-year class, and three (3) resident physicians shall be awarded this Golden Apple on behalf of the fourth-year class.

- b. Nominees will be designated as ineligible if they have won this award one (1) year immediately prior to the current awards cycle.
 - c. Nominees designated as ineligible for a particular awards cycle shall be eligible for the award during the following year.
4. Subspecialty Attending Physician Award
- a. One (1) attending physician shall be awarded this Golden Apple on behalf of the Rutgers New Jersey Medical School student body.
 - b. Nominees must come from the Departments of Neurological Surgery, Ophthalmology & Visual Science, Orthopaedics, Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery, Pathology, Radiation Oncology, and/or Radiology.
 - c. Additionally, nominees may come from the Divisions of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery and Urology in the Department of Surgery.
 - d. Nominees will be designated as ineligible if they have won this award two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to the current awards cycle.
 - e. Nominees designated as ineligible for a particular awards cycle shall be eligible for the award during the following year.
5. Subspecialty Resident Physician Award
- a. One (1) resident physician shall be awarded this Golden Apple on behalf of the Rutgers New Jersey Medical School student body.
 - b. Nominees must come from the Departments of Neurological Surgery, Ophthalmology & Visual Science, Orthopaedics, Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery, Pathology, Radiation Oncology, and/or Radiology.
 - c. Additionally, nominees may come from the Divisions of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery and Urology in the Department of Surgery.
 - d. Nominees will be designated as ineligible if they have won this award one (1) year immediately prior to the current awards cycle.
 - e. Nominees designated as ineligible for a particular awards cycle shall be eligible for the award during the following year.
6. Administrator of the Year
- a. One (1) administrator shall be awarded this Golden Apple on behalf of the Rutgers New Jersey Medical School student body.
 - b. Nominees will be designated as ineligible if they have won this award once (1) within the three (3) years immediately prior to the current awards cycle.
7. Dr. Joseph J. Seebode and Dr. Mark A. Quadrel Award for Student Family Health Care Center Attending of the Year
- a. One (1) SFHCC attending shall be awarded this Golden Apple on behalf of the Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Student Family Health Care Center.
 - b. The nomination and voting process shall be conducted by the SFHCC directors as they see fit, with the exception that nominees will be designated as ineligible if they have won this award one (1) year immediately prior to the current awards cycle.
 - c. Nominees designated as ineligible for a particular awards cycle shall be eligible for the award during the following year.

8. Community Preceptor Award(s)
 - a. All nominated community preceptors shall receive a recognition in the form of a certificate and a pin. Nominees are eligible for the recognition each year.
9. Lifetime Achievement Award(s)
 - a. All faculty, attending physicians, and administrators who have been at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School for ten (10) or more years shall be eligible for this award.
 - b. Anyone who meets eligibility criteria, and either is retiring or is leaving Rutgers New Jersey Medical School will be awarded this Golden Apple.