BMA AWARDS AND HONOURS

BMA honours are awarded in recognition of a member’s distinguished and notable service to the Association at any level, not only to those holding high profile offices. The awards exist to recognise those who have contributed at local, regional or national level, focussing on commitment and achievement, not only time served or office held.

Awards and honours are considered by the Awards and Honours subcommittee of the Organisation committee.

The deadline for receipt of nominations together with the required number of references. The deadline for receipt of Nominations is 12 Noon 16 December 2019. No exceptions will be made.

Please note that one statement signed by four members will not be counted as ‘four references.

It is the responsibility of the nominator to arrange and submit the nomination and completed references to the secretariat.

Self-nominations will not be accepted.

It is imperative that all nominations are kept strictly confidential and the nominee is not informed of their nomination.

Completed nominations and requests for further information should be submitted to Olivia O'Mahoney (OOMahoney@bma.org.uk). The nomination forms are also available from the BMA website: https://bma.org.uk/bmahonours
AWARDS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION (bye-laws 114 - 118)

The BMA may award the following honours:

1. **Association Medal**

The Association Medal is awarded to such members who have given outstanding and sustained national service to the Association in two or more constituencies, one of which should be national. *(Bye-law 116).*

2. **Fellowship of the Association**

A Fellowship is awarded to members whose services in the interests of the Association and of the profession have been distinguished and notable and merit special recognition *(Bye-law 117).*

3. **Distinguished Service Award (staff / lay members)**

The Distinguished Service Award may be awarded in recognition of distinguished, outstanding, and exceptional services to the Association by non-medical personnel *(not a long service award)* *(Bye-law 118).*

4. **Gold Medal**

The Gold Medal may be awarded to any person or persons who shall have conspicuously raised the character of the medical profession by scientific work, by extraordinary professional services, or by special services rendered to the British Medical Association *(Bye-law 114 and standing order of council).*

5. **Honorary Vice-Presidency**

An Honorary Vice-Presidency may be awarded to any member for extraordinary and outstanding service to the Association *(Bye-law 49 and 115).*
THE PROCESS FOR AWARDS AND HONOURS

NOMINATIONS

The deadline is Midday 16 December 2019. Incomplete and / or late nomination forms will not be accepted.

Nomination forms, together with the required references, should be sent electronically as ‘word’ documents to Olivia O'Mahoney, council secretariat (OOMahoney@bma.org.uk) for submission to the Awards and Honours subcommittee of the Organisation committee for their consideration. Any further queries regarding the Awards and Honours subcommittee and the awards process can be directed to Sally-Ann Cole, Council Secretariat (SCole@bma.org.uk).

REFERENCES

These should include examples where the member has demonstrated achievements and contributed to the Association in the following areas: (note members do not have to meet all the criteria but this will determine the level of award conferred.)

a) Examples of adding value to the BMA and membership
b) Examples of any achievement that has led to an increase in the membership of the association.
c) Examples of achievements in the delivery and/or advancement of healthcare
d) Example of a single achievement that has had an impact on the BMA
e) Specific examples of outstanding service
f) Specific examples of sustained service
g) Examples of conspicuously raising the character of the medical profession by scientific work, by extraordinary professional services, or by special services rendered to the British Medical Association.
h) Distinguished, outstanding, and exceptional services to the Association by non-medical personnel. (Distinguished Service Award)
i) Living Our Values (all)

ASSESSMENT

The Awards and Honours subcommittee of the Organisation committee considers all completed nominations, at its meeting in February, against the criteria set out in Section 8 a-i (as above) The subcommittee then determines the level of award to be conferred and the recommendations are submitted to UK Council for approval.
IF AN AWARD IS CONFERRED

The nomination contact will be informed and the successful nominees will be invited (along with a guest) to the installation of the President ceremony at the BMA’s Annual Representative meeting (followed by a dinner), normally held on the Tuesday evening at the ARM where successful nominees will be presented with the following:

Fellowship: Fellow’s badge and scroll

Association Medal: Medal and bound citation

Distinguished Service Award: badge and scroll

Gold Medal: Gold Medal and bound citation

Vice-Presidency: badge and citation

FEEDBACK

For unsuccessful nominations the Chair of the Organisation committee will give written or verbal feedback to the nominator upon request. However, please note that the detailed discussions of the Awards and Honours subcommittee are held in camera and only the recommendations are recorded, therefore, any feedback will be limited and reflect the consensus reached.