

2025 JAMESON L. CHASSIN, MD, FACS, AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN GENERAL SURGERY
Deadline – June 09, 2025

To recognize Jameson L. Chassin, MD, FACS, and his career and professional interests, the thirteenth annual award for chief residents is being offered by the Chassin family, contributors to the Chassin Memorial Fund, and the American College of Surgeons Foundation. In accordance with the wishes of the Chassin family, the Jameson L. Chassin, MD, FACS, Award for Professionalism in General Surgery will be presented to a chief resident in general surgery who exemplifies the values of compassion, technical skill, and devotion to science and learning. The selection process for the recipient of the award has been initiated by the ACS Division of Education, and nominations are currently being accepted through **June 09, 2025**.

Each surgery residency program may nominate one resident. Nominations will be accepted by program directors and department chairs and will be reviewed by an independent review panel of the ACS Committee on Resident Education. The recipient of this national award will be notified by **August 1, 2025**. The recipient will be presented with a plaque at Clinical Congress 2025 in Chicago, IL.

Eligible nominees are graduating chief residents from AY 2024-2025 in general surgery who are in good standing at an accredited surgery residency program as of **May 12, 2025**. Evidence of outstanding professionalism should be provided, especially evidence of the nominee's values of compassion, technical skill, and devotion to science and learning. These are the areas upon which the candidates will be evaluated:

- Awards
- Administrative Activities
- Scholarships
- Community Involvement

Documentation supporting the above criteria might include letters from patients, peers, and other members of the surgical team including faculty, medical students, nurses, and other allied health professionals. Other evidence might include service on relevant committees, special initiatives in which the resident may have been involved or led, and pertinent scholarships.

A completed [electronic application](#) consists of:

- A letter of nomination, no longer than two pages, from the Chair or Program Director
- A philosophy statement on professionalism from the nominee: (Please explain how you demonstrate your commitment to community service, outreach, or advocacy that reflects compassion and service to others in 250 words or less).
- The nominee's curriculum vitae
- Supporting documents (letters from patients, peers and/or other members of the surgical team, committee involvement, scholarships, etc.)
- Provide a list of five of the most recent activities and/or experiences within community service, research, advocacy, or humanism
- Provide a list of five of the most recent awards for community service, research, or humanism

To guide program directors in identifying candidates for this award, below are examples of some noteworthy accomplishments excerpted from the nomination packets of past Chassin Award recipients:

- Published a book on ethics
- Served on institution-wide committees
- Mentored medical students leading several to pursue surgical residency
- Demonstrated a strong work ethic; going above and beyond the call of duty
- Received unsolicited praise from students, peers, staff, faculty, and patients and their families
- Received awards such as Resident of the Year
- Developed an online ethics curriculum for residents
- Demonstrated leadership and teamwork
- Participated in health outcomes research resulting in presentations and publications about the use of large databases for research and quality improvement
- Completed an advanced degree related to health care

We are very excited to sponsor this award recognizing outstanding professionalism by chief residents and encourage you to participate by submitting a nomination. Please share this call for nominations with your institution's department chairs and resident program directors within General Surgery.

Please complete and upload all documents to the [electronic application](#) by June 09, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Taylor at ResidentAwards@facs.org or by calling 312-202-5573. Thank you for your interest in this important award.

Sincerely,

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