

2025 ACS RESIDENT AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY TEACHING – Deadline – June 09, 2025

The Division of Education of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 2025 ACS Resident Award for Exemplary Teaching. The award, presented each year, is meant to recognize teaching excellence and to further emphasize teaching as an important area of a resident's daily life. 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 residents in good standing in an accredited surgery residency program, including specialty programs, as of **May 12, 2025**. Graduating chief residents from AY2024-2025 are eligible. Residents must have been previously recognized for their exceptional teaching efforts by receiving several teaching awards during their training. Teaching efforts directed toward medical students, fellow residents or other allied health personnel can be recognized. These are the areas upon which the candidates will be evaluated:

- Teaching Awards
- Courses Taught
- Educational Activities
- Educational Publications

Documentation supporting teaching excellence may be furnished in the form of evaluations and/or letters of support completed by students. Efforts made by the nominee to improve the educational environment of the institution by serving on education committees, organizing courses, or participating in educational programs will also be considered in the selection process.

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

- A letter of nomination, no longer than two pages, from the Chair or Program Director
- An education philosophy statement from the nominee explaining how their values align with those of the award (250 words or less)
- The nominee's curriculum vitae*
- Provide a list of five of the most recent teaching awards or notable recognitions in education
- Provide a list of your five most recent education roles
- Supporting documents (evaluations completed by students, course materials developed by the nominee, involvement in education committees, etc.)

* The nominee's curriculum vitae should detail all educational publications, Grand Rounds or conference presentations, and education committee membership(s). A supplement to the curriculum vitae may be used to describe attendance at national educational meetings, curriculum development or course organization activity, and innovative changes made in the residency by the nominee.

We are very excited to sponsor this award recognizing outstanding teaching by 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 from other surgical specialties.

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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