



AMPAC AWARD FOR POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

The *Belle Chenault Award for Political Participation* recognizes an AMA Alliance member for outstanding accomplishment through volunteer activities in a political campaign or state ballot initiative. If the Alliance member is a political candidate, the individual may not be nominated for work on their own campaign's behalf. The award honors one national winner every other year. The Board of Directors of the American Medical Association Political Action

Committee (AMPAC), which makes the final determination of the winner, requires nominations to meet these conditions:

- ❑ The activity for which an Alliance member is being nominated must have occurred during the last election cycle, during the years 2009 and 2010. The activity may relate to a campaign for public office and/or a ballot initiative or referendum. Initiatives/ballot referenda should be directly related to organized medicine's agenda.
- ❑ Nominees must be a member of AMPAC and a member of the AMA Alliance during both years of the election cycle (2009 and 2010) for which they are nominated. ***Only nominees that meet these criteria will be considered qualified and forwarded to, and considered by, the AMPAC Board of Directors.***
- ❑ The Board of Directors of the respective state PAC must first nominate the Alliance member for the award. There can only be one nomination per state.
- ❑ The following criteria should be used in selecting a nominee:
 - Degree of participation. The nominee must have made a significant time commitment to the campaign.
 - Quality of participation. The nominee must have played a vital role in the campaign. Examples of involvement and activities are:
 - ◆ Conducting a major fund raising event.
 - ◆ Being the principal volunteer coordinator.
 - ◆ Organizing a medical community support group.
 - ◆ Securing important endorsements.
 - ◆ Undertaking a special function such as key strategist, press liaison/spokesperson, building/maintaining a website, etc.

- Previous nominees. Previous nominees may be nominated again, but previous winners are not eligible for the award a second time.
- The nomination should be submitted by January 31, 2011 to:

Belle Chenault Award
AMPAC
25 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20001
- Nominations must be accompanied by:
 - A description of the volunteer campaign involvement;
 - Certification by the candidate(s), or in the case of initiatives and referenda, senior campaign officials, that such involvement was vital to the campaign;
 - Nomination by an officer of the state PAC Board;
 - Certification by the state PAC that the Alliance member has been a member of AMPAC for each of the two years of the election cycle (2009 and 2010); and
 - A statement from the nominee.

Please note that a victory in the campaign/initiative is not essential for demonstrating the significance of the nominee's efforts.

- Any documentation submitted must relate directly to the qualifying activities and should be succinct. Nominees are encouraged to submit only those materials that will inform the AMPAC Board's deliberations.
- The award will be composed of an appropriately inscribed commemoration and the following:
 - The national winner will be recognized at the annual AMPAC/Alliance Breakfast in conjunction with the AMA Alliance Annual Meeting in June.
 - Unless otherwise in attendance at either of the meetings, the national winner's travel expenses will be paid.
 - ***Only qualified*** state nominees will be recognized.

Please direct any questions to the Political Education Programs Manager, at the above address or at 202-789-7465 or politicaleducation@ama-assn.org.

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