

THE KANTER PRIZE

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Completed nomination packets must be postmarked no later than **Friday, February 6, 2009**.

About The Joseph H. Kanter Prize

The Joseph H. Kanter Prize includes a cash award of \$100,000 and is awarded annually by the Health Legacy Partnership to one physician who has developed a system or method that has resulted in remedies for existing disparities in health care delivery. Key consideration is given to innovative programs that can be broadly implemented in the United States.

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the Kanter Prize, nominees must have put into effect or have developed an operational plan to significantly enhance the delivery of health care by minimizing disparities. Nomination possibilities are unlimited and we encourage submission of all notable achievements that address the general definitions of *enhancing health care delivery* and *disparity*. Disparities include any inequality in health care delivery due to ethnicity, socioeconomic status, beliefs, race, religion, language, prejudice, bias, geographic constraints, and other factors.

Additionally, all nominees must be:

- A licensed Doctor of Medicine – MD or DO
- A United States citizen
- Currently practicing in the United States
- In good standing with his/her state of licensure
- Nominated through a state, territory, military or District of Columbia MD or DO medical society

Individuals with any current or past affiliation with the Health Legacy Partnership, The Joseph H. Kanter Family Foundation, Agency for Health care Research and Quality and/or the Kanter Prize selection committee are not eligible.

Nomination Guidelines

- The nomination process proceeds through the auspices of state, territorial, military and District of Columbia medical association/societies only. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to recommend physicians to the medical associations/societies. However, the nomination is only valid if submitted through the aforementioned medical associations/societies.
- Each state/territory, military and District of Columbia medical association (MD/DO) may nominate only one (1) physician and they must have *developed a method or working plan* to minimize health care disparities in the delivery of health care.
- Joint nominations are welcome (i.e. a single physician nominated to represent two or more medical associations/societies).
- The nominee **is not** required to be a member of any MD/DO society.
- Nominator(s) must be well acquainted with the candidate and/or his professional work to be able to attest to his/her qualifications and achievements.
- Nominator(s) must be unrelated to the nominee by birth or marriage.

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- The Kanter Prize committee encourages nominators to collaborate with their nominees to present a strong, well-informed nomination submission.

Nomination Package

Only complete nomination packets received by **February 6, 2009** will be considered. Packets must include:

- A signed nomination form including signatures from an authorized director or lay leader of the nominating society **AND** the nominee.
- A letter of nomination describing why the physician deserves consideration
Please note the Kanter Prize is not solely awarded for humanitarian efforts. Nominees must have developed a method or plan to enhance the delivery of health care by diminishing disparities.
- A curriculum vitae of the nominee

Optional items include:

- A letter of reference – three (3) maximum
- Any supplemental information i.e. biographical information, news stories, brief writings, reports, etc.

Nomination materials should be sent certified mail to:

The Health Legacy Partnership
c/o Kanter Prize
P.O. Box 223220
Hollywood, FL 33022

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Selection Procedure

Each complete nomination packet received by February 6, 2009 will be reviewed by the Kanter Prize Selection Committee - comprised of world-renowned medical professionals. Additional information may be requested including, but not limited to field research committee and support documents of all nominees. Finalists should be prepared to participate in a phone/video conference and/or in-person interviews.

One (1) physician will be named the Kanter Prize award winner for 2008. The decision of the selection committee is final. The disclosure of the nominees, finalists, and judges for the Kanter Prize is at the sole discretion of the Health Legacy Partnership and the Joseph H. Kanter Family Foundation.