

## Montana Medical Association Award of Merit

The MMA established the Award of Merit in 1975 to honor individuals associated with MMA whose actions have led to the betterment of health care in Montana. The award need not be given every year. Prior recipients include:

1975	Marshall Cook	2010	James E. Jarrett, M.D.
1985	Jack Coggeshall	2013	Dwight Hiesterman, M.D.
1987	Gerald J. Neely, Esq.	2014	Jean A. Branscum, CEO.
1989	G. Brian Zins	2015	Ed Buttery
1990	Hollis K Lefever, M.D. John W. McMahan, M.D.	2016	Monica Berner, M.D.
1991	John R. Halseth, M.D.	2017	Wendy Samson, CEO
2000	Jerome T. Loendorf, Esq.		

### Award Selection Process

Nominations for the award shall be submitted to the Executive Committee by June 20th. The Executive Committee will make a recommendation to the MMA Board of Trustees at their September meeting.

### Award Criteria

Nominations should include nominee's current title, organization, contact information, and qualifications for the award. A nominee does not need to be a physician or be currently employed in a health care field. Qualifications include:

1. **Demonstrated commitment to service and dedication to patient health care.** Has initiated efforts or taken actions to improve health care in Montana. This might include the lending of their expertise, donating of time, or participating in efforts to improve health care.
2. **Seen as a health care leader with substantive involvement** in community, state, or national policy efforts and/or groups whose focus is to improve health care delivery or the general health status of Montanans.
3. Current or past **relationship with the MMA.**

### Award

The recipient will be presented with the Award of Merit at either the MMA Annual or Interim Meeting. The recipient will receive a plaque, expenses to attend the annual or interim meeting, and named as an Honorary Member of MMA. If a recipient is a current MMA member a lifetime membership will be given.

Submit letter of nomination to: MMA Executive Committee, 2021 Eleventh Avenue, Ste. 1, Helena, MT 59601

Contact MMA Executive Office for additional information at 406/443-4000 or by email at [mmaoffice@mmaoffice.org](mailto:mmaoffice@mmaoffice.org).