EARLY CAREER PEDIATRICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD
CRITERIA & PROCEDURES

Created in 2022, the Early Career Pediatrician of the Year Award is presented to one pediatrician member of the AL-AAP each year to recognize the work of outstanding early career physicians who, in the first 10 years of their career, set themselves apart from their peers by exemplifying high professional standards and participation in community or chapter activities that demonstrate service to children beyond the usual scope of practice.

Criteria for nominations include:

• Member in good standing of the Alabama Chapter-AAP
• Has practiced fewer than 10 years as a primary care or subspecialty pediatrician
• Demonstrates high professional standards
• Participates in community or Chapter activities beyond the usual scope of practice and to the benefit of Alabama’s children

Procedures for nominations & selection of awardees:

1. Nominations may be made by any individual member of the AL-AAP.

2. Each nomination must consist of a letter of nomination and a CV of the nominee that clearly indicate his/her qualifications. The award, consisting of a plaque, will not necessarily be given annually, and only one recipient may be selected in any year. Previous winners are not eligible.

3. In the event that there is more than one nomination for the award in a given year:
   
   a. The Executive Director or other office staff will email the Executive Board all candidate materials; board members will be given at least one week to vote their choice for the award by email vote. The winner will be determined as the nominee with the most votes (counted by the Chapter office staff);

   b. Nominees who are not selected to receive the award in the year in which they were nominated will be considered the following year, but only if they are still within the first 10 years of practice, and only after email confirmation between the Executive Director and the original nominator. The award would also be open to other nominees.

4. Nominations are due to the Chapter Executive Office no later than June 15 to be considered for that year’s award, which is presented at the Chapter Annual Meeting.