The Suzanne LaVere Herbst Award for Excellence in Vascular Access is the highest honor AVA bestows upon a member in recognition of outstanding contributions to the art and science of vascular access.

The Award
The award recipient may be asked to submit a manuscript to the Journal of the Association for Vascular Access (JAVA). Submitted manuscripts must follow JAVA manuscript submission guidelines and will be subjected to a double blind review. Journal submission and review guidelines can be found at www.avajournal.com under the “For Authors” tab. The award winner will also be awarded the following:

- Waived registration fee to attend the 2020 AVA Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Coach class round trip transportation to attend the 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Two nights of hotel accommodations at the approved meeting hotel.
- Award presentation and lectureship during the 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting.
  - The award recipient will present a one-hour General Session during the 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting.

Nomination Rules
- Nominations must be submitted electronically at www.avainfo.org/Nominate.
- A complete nomination requires signatures of 3 supporters and the nominee’s CV.
- Those people nominating or supporting can only submit on behalf of 1 nominee per year.
- Self-nominations are not permitted.
- Current AVA Board Members may not nominate, be nominated or review nominations.

The Nominee will be scored on the following criteria
- Professional performance exhibits commitment to the AVA mission.
- Participation and contributions to AVA and / or affiliates.
- Exhibits sustained commitment to advancing vascular access.
- Demonstrates sustained contributions over time to vascular access.
- Has minimum of 10 years of vascular access experience.
- Promotes professional development of others, as evidenced by lecturing, teaching, publishing vascular access-related information, mentoring/precepting, etc.
- Demonstrates evidence of multi and / or inter-disciplinary collaboration.
- Possesses strong record of regional contributions.
- Possesses strong record of national and/or international contributions.
- Develops, reviews and or applies evidence to enhance outcomes.
- Contributes to enhanced public and professional awareness of vascular access.
• Contributes to advancing technology, clinical practice and or education.

Award Review Process
• The AVA Board of Directors appoints a review team to review and score the nominations.
• Those selected for the review team may not nominate or support a current year’s nominee.
• Nominations are reviewed and scored based upon defined criteria listed above.
• All nominees may be recognized at the awards presentation during the annual scientific meeting.
• All nominees will be notified of the results no later than April 6, 2020.

How to Submit Your Nomination
1. Find 2 other people to support your nominee. Supporters can come from any of the following categories: colleague, recipient of care or a significant other, employer, supervisor, mentor, mentee, or community service organization.
2. Review the Nomination Form.
3. Collaborate with your supporters to complete the Nomination Form; explain why you are nominating this individual and provide detailed facts that will support each of the above listed criteria.
4. Upload the Nomination Form, the nominee’s CV and a photo of the nominee at www.avainfo.org/Nominate no later than March 13, 2020.

Any questions about these guidelines can be sent to Tonya Hutchison at thutchison@avainfo.org