2022 Nomination Guidelines

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 “Authors” tab. The award winner will also be awarded the following:

- Waived registration fee to attend the 2022 AVA Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Coach class round trip transportation to attend the 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Two nights of hotel accommodations at the approved meeting hotel.
- Award presentation and lectureship during the 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting.
  - The award recipient will present a one-hour General Session during the 2022 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.
- Nominations due no later than June 9, 2022.

The Nominee will be scored on the following criteria

(while you will provide the nominees CV, be sure that your nomination form lists details that support each criterion below)

- 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 Member Engagement Committee 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 June 27, 2022.

**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](http://www.avainfo.org/Nominate) no later than June 9, 2022.

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