



*The Mary Pazdur Award*  
**Excellence in  
Advanced Practice  
in Oncology**

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**2019 OFFICIAL RULES**

*The Mary Pazdur Award for Excellence in Advanced Practice in Oncology* recognizes and honors a member of the Advanced Practitioner Society for Hematology and Oncology (APSHO) who demonstrates exemplary leadership and makes outstanding contributions in the areas of clinical practice, research, education, collaboration and mentorship.

The second annual award will be presented to a selected recipient at the JADPRO Live Conference in Seattle, Washington, October 24-27, 2019.

**1. Eligibility:** Contest is open only to current APSHO members whose membership status is in good standing and who are 21 years old as of the date of entry. An advanced practitioner (AP) is defined as nurse practitioner, physician assistant (PA), clinical nurse specialist, pharmacist, or advanced degree (Master's degree or higher) nurse. The contest is open only to legal residents of the United States and is void where prohibited by law. Employees of APSHO (the "Sponsor"), their respective affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising and promotion agencies, suppliers, and their immediate family members and/or those living in the same household of each are not eligible to participate. Additionally, the following individuals are NOT eligible for the award at this time:

- APSHO Board of Directors – current term and for 3 years post-term
- JADPRO Live Planning Committee – current term
- The APSHO Awards and Recognition Committee – current term
- Advanced practitioners not currently working in oncology or malignant hematology (such as working in a different specialty or in retirement)

*Current practice or role of the nominee:*

The nominee must have a minimum of five years of experience in oncology or malignant hematology and be currently practicing in one or more of the following roles:

- Clinical practice
  - Direct patient care as provider and prescriber; collaborative care with physicians or within a multidisciplinary team; provision of care during clinical trials, procedures, symptom management, and treatment or level-of-care decisions
  - Settings may include an academic medical center, comprehensive cancer center, community cancer center, hospital inpatient, outpatient hospital-based cancer center, private practice, or hospice
- Quantitative or qualitative research
  - Principal investigator or sub-investigator experience, protocol development, review board correspondence, patient recruitment and consent, direct patient care, grading and management of adverse events, data collection, data analysis, reporting or presentation, and/or publication
- Committee or other collaborative work

- Involvement or leadership in tumor boards, guideline development, policy development, education, professional society work/contributions, publication, health care policy work
- Leadership
  - Clinic supervision, administration, team education, development of pilot projects, advanced practice specialty clinics, private practice, mentoring, program development
- Education
  - Faculty, curriculum development, advisor, speaker/presenter, team education, mentoring, professional development
- Advocacy
  - Patient/caregiver advocacy work, mentoring programs, health care policy work, community education, event organization, program development

*Nominee characteristics:*

A nominee should possess and demonstrate excellence, skill, passion, empathy, leadership, ethics, positive influence, vision, collaboration, and continuous learning.

*Nominee work and contributions:*

Nominees must exhibit evidence of contributions to oncology or malignant hematology in areas such as clinical practice, research, quality improvement, guideline development, collaborative practice/projects, AP-led projects, mentorship, or oncology/hematology literature.

Nominations may be submitted by individuals who are or have been colleagues of the nominee. The nominator is not required to practice at the same institution or location as the nominee, but he or she should be able to provide a clear description of the qualifications and experience of the nominee through a shared professional experience. The nominator may be an advanced practitioner but can also be a colleague of a different discipline in oncology; likewise, the nominator does not have to be a member of APSHO. Self-nominations will not be considered for this award.

The Contest is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. Void where prohibited.

**2. How to Enter:** The nominator should submit information online regarding the nominee with supporting documentation. A nomination will not be considered fully submitted and ready to enter the review process without the following information:

- Full name, credentials, title/position, institution, email and phone number of the nominator
- Full name, credentials, title/position, institution, email and phone number of the nominee
- Cover Letter for the nomination, to include:
  - A description of the nominator's professional relationship to nominee
- Essay on why this person is being nominated, to include:
  - Description of nominee attributes
  - Nominee's key contributions to oncology using descriptive examples
  - Statement as to why this person should receive the award
- CV or resume of nominee
- Letters of recommendation from two additional sources that include:
  - Full name, credentials, title/position, institution, email and phone number
- Additional supporting documentation or statements the nominator would like to provide

Submission requirements must be met and approved for a nomination to move into the review process. If there are questions regarding the submission information for a nomination, the nominator will be notified by a member of the Awards and Recognition Committee.

**3. Timeline:** Entries will be accepted online starting on or about December 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019. All online nominations must be received by April 30, 2019 11:59PM EDT.

**4. Agreement to Official Rules:** By participating, you agree to be fully and unconditionally bound by these Rules, and you represent and warrant that you meet the eligibility requirements set forth herein. In addition, you agree to accept the decisions of APSHO, as final and binding as it relates to the Contest. The Contest is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws.

**5. Prize:** One (1) award recipient will receive the following: a \$5,000 grant; a trip to JADPRO Live 2019 (including registration to the JADPRO Live Conference, valued at approximately \$350.00; hotel accommodations at the Sheraton Grand Seattle or the Hyatt at Olive 8 in Seattle for three (3) nights, October 24 through October 27, 2019 in a standard room plus tax, valued at approximately \$750.00; and round-trip economy airfare and hotel transfers valued at approximately \$700.00. (*Any meals not included in conference registration and other incidentals are not included.*); and recognition at the Conference as well as in an issue of the *Journal of the Advanced Practitioner in Oncology* (JADPRO) and the APSHO Advance member newsletter.

**6. Winner Selection and Notification:** Once nomination reviews are complete, the final selection of the award recipient will be made by the Awards and Recognition Committee.

A winner will be selected on or about July 19, 2019 and will be notified via email to the email address provided within five (5) days following the winner selection. APSHO shall have no liability for a winner's failure to receive notices due to winners' spam, junk e-mail or other security settings or for winners' provision of incorrect or otherwise non-functioning contact information. If the selected winner cannot be contacted, is ineligible, fails to claim the prize within 15 days from the time award notification was sent, or fails to timely return a completed and executed declaration and releases as required, prize may be forfeited, and an alternate winner selected.

The receipt by winner of the prize offered in this Contest is conditioned upon compliance with any and all federal and state laws and regulations. ANY VIOLATION OF THESE OFFICIAL RULES BY ANY WINNER (AT SPONSOR'S SOLE DISCRETION) WILL RESULT IN SUCH WINNER'S DISQUALIFICATION AS WINNER OF THE CONTEST AND ALL PRIVILEGES AS WINNER WILL BE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED.

**7. Rights of Use:** By entering this Contest you understand that APSHO, anyone acting on behalf of APSHO, or its respective licensees, successors and assigns will have the right, where permitted by law, without any further notice, review or consent to print, publish, broadcast, distribute, and use, worldwide in any media now known or hereafter in perpetuity and throughout the World, your entry, including, without limitation, the entry and winner's name, portrait, picture, voice, likeness, image or statements about the Contest, and biographical information as news, publicity or information and for trade, advertising, public relations and promotional purposes without any further compensation.

**8. Terms and General Conditions:** APSHO reserves the right, in its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest should (in its sole discretion) a computer virus, non-authorized human intervention, fraud or other causes beyond its control corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness or proper conduct of the Contest. In such case, APSHO may select the winner from all eligible entries received prior to and/or after (if appropriate) the action taken by APSHO. APSHO reserves the right at its sole discretion to disqualify any individual who tampers or attempts to tamper with the entry process or the operation of the Contest or website or violates these Terms & Conditions. Any attempt by an entrant to deliberately damage any website or undermine the legitimate operation of the Contest may be a violation of criminal and civil laws and should such an attempt be made, APSHO reserves the right to seek damages from any such person to the fullest extent permitted by law. By entering the Contest, you agree to receive email communications periodically from APSHO. You can opt-out of receiving this communication at any time by clicking the unsubscribe link in the email.

**9. Release and Limitations of Liability:** By entering you agree to release and hold harmless APSHO and its subsidiaries, affiliates, advertising and promotion agencies, partners, representatives, agents, successors, assigns, employees, officers and directors from any liability, illness, injury, death, loss, litigation, claim or damage that may occur, directly or indirectly, whether caused by negligence or not, from (i) such entrant's participation in the Contest and/or his/her acceptance, possession, use, or misuse of any prize or any portion thereof, (ii) technical failures of any kind, including but not limited to the malfunctioning of any computer, cable, network, hardware or software;; (iii) the unavailability or inaccessibility of any transmissions or telephone or Internet service; (iv) unauthorized human intervention in any part of the entry process or the Promotion; (v) electronic or human error which may occur in the administration of the Promotion or the processing of entries.

**10. Disputes:** THIS CONTEST IS GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES AND NEW JERSEY, WITHOUT RESPECT TO CONFLICT OF LAW DOCTRINES. As a condition of participating in this Contest, participant agrees that any and all disputes which cannot be resolved between the parties and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, exclusively before a court located in NEW JERSEY having jurisdiction. Further, in any such dispute, under no circumstances will participant be permitted to obtain awards for, and hereby waives all rights to claim punitive, incidental, or consequential damages, including reasonable attorneys' fees, other than participant's actual out-of-pocket expenses (i.e. costs associated with entering this Contest), and participant further waives all rights to have damages multiplied or increased.

**11. Privacy Policy:** Information submitted with an entry is subject to the Privacy Policy stated on the APSHO Website. To read the Privacy Policy, click [here](#).

**12. Sponsor:** The Sponsor of the Contest is APSHO, 3131 Princeton Pike, Bldg 1., Suite 205, Lawrenceville NJ 08648.

Please refer to The Mary Pazdur Award for Excellence in Advanced Practice in Oncology Nomination Guidelines for full information.