

**FLORIDA DENTAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
CRITERIA AND APPLICATION FORM**

Please complete this application, describing your candidate on a separate page.
Application deadline is June 30, 2011. Mail to Paula Schad, RDH, PO Box 801, Groveland, FL 34736 or e-mail to pesrdh@aol.com

Candidate: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Component: _____

Nominated by: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E Mail: _____

Tips for Writing Winning Nominations

This award is presented to an ADHA/FDHA member who has contributed outstanding service in the field of Dental Hygiene in Florida through continued dedication and commitment to FDHA and the profession of Dental Hygiene. Discuss your nominee's contribution in the following areas:

1. **LENGTH AND QUALITY OF SERVICE TO FDHA**, including offices held at the local, state, and national levels. This section is very important. Be sure to include service on councils and committees and things accomplished while in office (such as mentoring students, planning programs, devising plans to increase membership). Put anything you think will help the committee see how great your nominee is.
2. **LENGTH AND QUALITY OF PRACTICE IN FLORIDA**. Discuss any innovations he/she has made that improve patient care; such as establishing a recare system, introducing to the office things like accessing vital signs, providing educational materials, or anything that lets us know the professional side of your nominee.
3. **ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN DENTAL HYGIENE**, other than offices held. This is the section you can expand upon. Tell us about local, state, and national awards and the reason your candidate was chosen as your nominee. Mention community service; visiting schools, hospitals, nursing homes or providing any dental hygiene related community service. Be specific! The more you let us know about your nominee, the better we can evaluate.

Remember, you know the candidate you're nominating better than we do. Consult your nominee if you like, just in case you need to be sure about their accomplishments. You can write as much as you want. However, a single well-written page that describes your nominee's qualifications is sufficient.

Examples of Vague and Specific Writing

Vague: Her contributions to our component have been outstanding.

Specific: As president of our component, she arranged for active members to carpool with active members. This action doubled attendance in our monthly meetings.