

**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS
DIVISION OF EDUCATION
2026 ACS RESIDENT AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY TEACHING**

The ACS Resident Award for Exemplary Teaching, sponsored by the Division of Education, is given each year in recognition of excellence in teaching by a resident and to emphasize teaching as an important area in residents' daily lives.

These are the areas upon which the candidates will be evaluated:

- Teaching Awards
- Courses Taught
- Educational Activities
- Educational Publications

Documentation supporting teaching excellence may be furnished in the form of evaluations completed by students. Efforts made by the nominee to improve the educational environment of the institution by serving on education committees, organizing courses, or participating in educational programs will also be considered in the selection process.

Deadline for nomination packet submission – **June 8, 2026**

NOMINATION PACKET CHECKLIST

**All items are required.*

- Application Form (pg. 4)
- Biographical Sketch
- Letter of nomination from the Chair or Program Director (no longer than two pages)
- Short essay describing a meaningful experience as an educator during your training (250 words or less)
- Additional letter of support from individual/group who can speak to your teaching abilities

If you have questions, contact Daniel Cox at ResidentAwards@facs.org or 312-202-5053.

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The Division of Education of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 2026 ACS Resident Award for Exemplary Teaching. The award, presented each year, is meant to recognize teaching excellence and to further emphasize teaching as an important area of a resident's daily life. The selection process for the recipient of the award has been initiated by the ACS Division of Education, and nominations are currently being accepted through June 8, 2026.

Eligible nominees are residents in good standing in an accredited surgery residency program, including specialty programs, during the 2026-2027 academic year. Graduating chief residents are eligible.

Residents must have received prior recognition of their outstanding efforts in teaching by having received internal teaching awards at their current institution. Teaching efforts directed toward medical students, fellow residents or other allied health personnel can be recognized. These are the areas upon which the candidates will be evaluated:

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Nominations will be accepted from program directors and department chairs and will be reviewed by an independent review panel of the ACS Committee on Resident Education. The recipient of this national award will be notified by July 2, 2026.

Please consider nominating a resident from your surgery residency program. Each surgery residency program may nominate one resident. **The deadline for receipt of nominations is June 8, 2026.** A complete nomination packet consists of:

- A completed application form (*see below*)
- A completed Biographical Sketch form
- A letter of nomination, no longer than two pages, from the Chair or Program Director
- A short essay describing a meaningful experience as an educator during your training (250 words or less)
- Additional letter of support from individual/group who can speak to your teaching abilities

The nominee's biographical sketch should detail all educational publications, Grand Rounds or conference presentations, and education committee membership(s). A supplement to the biography may be used to describe attendance at national educational meetings, curriculum development or course organization activity, and innovative changes made in the residency by the nominee.

We are very excited to sponsor this award recognizing outstanding teaching by residents and encourage you to participate by submitting a nomination. Please share this call for nominations with chairs of other surgical specialties and with program directors of all your institution's surgical residency programs.

Please submit the nomination materials electronically to ResidentAwards@facs.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Cox at ResidentAwards@facs.org or by calling 312-202-5053. Thank you for your interest in this important award.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Williams-Karnesky MD, PhD, MEdPsych
Chair, Jameson L. Chassin, MD, FACS, Award for Professionalism in General Surgery Review Panel Chair,
ACS Committee on Resident Education

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Application Form

Name of Nominee _____

Residency Program _____

PGY _____ (must be a resident in the upcoming academic year, graduating Chief Residents are eligible)

Address of Nominee _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Name of Nominator _____

(must be the Chair or Program Director)

Title

Program Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Please enclose with this form:

1. Letter of nomination from the Chair or Program Director (no longer than two pages)
2. Biographical Sketch
3. A short essay on teaching experience (250 words or less)
4. Additional letter of support from individual/group who can speak to your teaching abilities

Please submit the nomination materials electronically to ResidentAwards@facs.org no later than June 8, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Cox at residentawards@facs.org or by calling 312-202-5053. Thank you for your interest in this important award.