

2026 Rising Quality Star Award

Description

The Rising Quality Star Award is awarded to a NAHQ member who has shown significant participation in local, state and/or national healthcare associations.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible candidates will be a NAHQ member for at least the last 2 consecutive years. Candidates may be self-nominated or nominated by a NAHQ member. Members of the Board, Individual Strategic Advisory Council, Awards Team, Honorary members, and NAHQ staff are ineligible for the award during their term of service.

Award

The recipient receives complimentary registration to virtual NAHQ next 2026, a physical award, and recognition through various media channels.

Requirements (All of the requirements listed below must be clearly evidenced in the nominee's application)

- I. NAHQ member for two (2) consecutive years.
- II. Resume.
- III. Letter of support from one (1) NAHQ member (see pg 3 for form).
- IV. Involvement: NAHQ team member (list participation activities in NAHQ) from the past five (5) years.
- V. Participation in local, state and/or national healthcare quality association in a leadership or project team member role from the past five (5) years.
- VI. Contribution of at least two (2) of the following. *List all that qualify.*
 - i. Presentations of healthcare quality topic(s) at local, state or national workshops, seminars or conferences.
 - ii. Publication of healthcare quality topic(s) in a professional journal
 - iii. Teaching at college or junior college level instruction in healthcare quality
 - iv. Other contribution to healthcare quality, such as mentoring others, teaching healthcare quality, participation in the development of state or national legislation related to healthcare quality, etc.

Deadline

The application must be received electronically by June 12, 2026 at the NAHQ office by sending materials to NAHQ Staff at recognition@nahq.org. Questions about the application, eligibility or criteria? Contact NAHQ at recognition@nahq.org.

Application Form- 2026 Rising Quality Star Award

Nominee's:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

State association of nominee (*if applicable*): _____

Person nominating: (*if applicable*)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Relationship to nominee: _____

E-mail address: _____

Requirements:

- I. Consecutive # of Years as a NAHQ member: _____
- II. Resume (attached as supplement)

III. Letter of support from one (1) NAHQ member using form below:

Person nominating the candidate: _____

Why do you believe this person should be considered? (use additional space as needed)

All of the information I have provided about the nominee for the Rising Quality Star Award is true and accurate.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

IV. Involvement: NAHQ team member and/or quality volunteer or other (list participation activities in NAHQ) from the past five (5) years.

Position:	Year(s):
NAHQ Team/Activity:	
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NAHQ Team/Activity:	

V. Participation in local and/or national healthcare quality association in a leadership or project team member role from the past five (5) years.

Position:	Year(s):
Organization:	
Position:	Year(s):
Organization:	
Position:	Year(s):
Organization:	
Position:	Year(s):
Organization:	
Position:	Year(s):
Organization:	

VI. Contribution of at least two (2) of the following. *List all that qualify.*

i. Presentations of healthcare quality topic(s) at local or national workshops, seminars or conferences.

Title of Presentation:	Date:
Conference/workshop:	
Title of Presentation:	Date:
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Title of Presentation:	Date:
Conference/workshop:	
Title of Presentation:	Date:
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Title of Presentation:	Date:
Conference/workshop:	

ii. Publication of healthcare quality topic(s) in a professional journal

Title:	Year Published:
Journal:	
Title:	Year Published:
Journal:	
Title:	Year Published:
Journal:	
Title:	Year Published:
Journal:	
Title:	Year Published:
Journal:	

iii. Teaching at college or junior college level instruction in healthcare quality

Course:	Year(s):
College:	
Course:	Year(s):
College:	
Course:	Year(s):
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Course:	Year(s):
College:	

iv. Other contribution to healthcare quality, such as mentoring others, teaching healthcare quality, participation in the development of state or national legislation related to healthcare quality, etc.

Contribution:	Year(s):
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Scoring:

	*Indicates Awards Team to determine adequacy.	
Required	I. Member of NAHQ for at least two consecutive years.	
	II. Resume	
	*III. Letter of support from (1) NAHQ member.	
	Staff to count the number present: members of the Professional Reception team will determine adequacy	Points Possible
Awarded to a member who has shown significant participation in local, state and/or national healthcare associations.	*IV. Involvement: NAHQ team member and/or quality volunteer or other (list participation activities in NAHQ)	2- Per position
	*V. Participation in local, state and/or national healthcare quality association in a leadership or project team member role.	1-Per position
	*VI. Contribution of at least two (2) of the following. List all that qualify. i. Presentations of healthcare quality topic(s) at local, state or national workshops, seminars or conferences. ii. Publication of healthcare quality topic(s) in a professional journal iii. Teaching at college or junior college level instruction in healthcare quality iv. Other contribution to healthcare quality, such as mentoring others, teaching healthcare quality, participation in the development of state or national legislation related to healthcare quality, etc.	1- Per contribution