



Elite School of Optometry
(Unit of Medical Research Foundation)
Dr P P Santanam-Jayalakshmi Award
for
"Best Optometrist of the Year"



Best Optometrist of the Year -2026

ESO's Best Optometrist of the year Award is scheduled to be presented at the Institutional award ceremony. This is an opportunity for every ESO Alumnus to attain a special recognition from its alumnater. Those alumnus who are in active practice for not less than five years, showing remarkable optometric skills when serving the profession, their patients and their community can apply.

Requirements

1. Alumnus can either self- nominate or recommend a suitable candidate that fulfill the mentioned requirements for this award.
2. Applicant/Nominee must be in active optometric practice for not less than five years.
3. Nominees must be the Alumnus of ESO (should have done UG/PG/PhD at ESO).
4. The nominees should be a resident of India, involved in clinical practice.

Information Needed

1. An application that concisely lists accomplishments of the applicant (based on the criteria areas listed in Microsoft Word format- attached), not exceeding 2000 words should be sent as an attachment via email.
2. Passport size photograph of the nominee in jpeg format to be affixed to the application form.
3. Submit requested information via email to eso@snmail.org by **10th October, 2026** with **"Best Optometrist of the year Nomination"** in the subject line.

Criteria for Selection

I. Service to Optometry

- Leadership roles in local optometric society, state association, or national associations
- Major accomplishments from the above listed roles
- Initiating and/or implementing any unique plan, program, or action on behalf of optometry
- Publication of any professional articles or research findings
- Fostering interest in optometry as a career among potential students
- Role in optometric Education

II. Service to the Visual Welfare of the Public

- Active participation and work with sight-saving groups or charities dedicated to the visual welfare of the public
- Participation in any social and public-service efforts to heighten the community's awareness of eye health and visual welfare
- Participation in government or NGO programs, to bring eye care services/information to the general public or disadvantaged groups
- Service on national/state committees or actively supported any legislative efforts to advance the public's visual welfare

III. Public Service

Briefly describe any exemplary public service by the nominee to benefit the community. These efforts need not be limited to those that are eye-care or vision-care related. This includes offices held, awards won, honors bestowed, or any other significant accomplishments. Consider each of the following areas: service, public health, work in education, leadership in community groups/projects, participation in charitable causes and institutions, community service provided through involvement with religious groups or institutions.



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NOMINATION FORM FOR THE YEAR 2026

Name:

1	Primary Care	
	Secondary care	
	Tertiary care	

Affix the nominee's
Passport size
photograph

2	Number of patients seen in the previous year – (August 2024 to September 2025)	
3	Role in outreach programs in the previous year- Aug 2024 to Sep 2025 Write 5 points with evidence – (Add extra sheet if required)	
3.1		
3.2		
3.3		
3.4		
3.5		
4	Role in education, optometric teaching, developing materials etc, in the previous year (Aug 2024 to Sep 2025)– (enclose evidence)	
5	Role in optometric research in the previous year (Aug 2024 to Sep 2025) (publication, research work etc.) (enclose evidence)	
6	Other social contributions	