

2005
“Carl Kupfer Award for Prevention of Blindness”
Nomination Guidelines

The \$15,000 PAAO Carl Kupfer Award for Prevention of Blindness was established, in 1997, to give recognition to exemplary efforts in increasing access to eye care among poor and underserved populations. The award is given as a prize to an individual or organizational team who has demonstrated through their work an outstanding commitment to the cause of prevention of blindness within their community. Qualifying prevention of blindness programs and activities are wide ranging and include: identifying eye-care deficiencies through blindness surveys; cataract surgery campaigns; community outreach programs for the treatment of diabetic retinopathy; early treatment of ROP, congenial cataract, or other efforts to prevent childhood blindness; correction of refractive error among school-age children; programs to rehabilitate the blind through low-vision aids or schools for the blind; and volunteerism in public eye care service programs. The Kupfer award is to serve as an example to others of the efforts that are needed in the quest for blindness prevention.

Nomination Process:

Nominees are expected to be worthy of recognition because of their demonstrated dedication and accomplishment in the conceptualization, planning and implementation of prevention of blindness programs or activities in their community.

Nominations of both individual PAAO members and organizational/institutional teams of individuals are invited. For the nomination of an individual, the nominee must be an active member of the PAAO -- with preference to candidates under 50 years of age. If a team is being nominated, the team leadership must include one or more PAAO members.

Nominations are invited from national (or local) ophthalmology societies, as well as from the general PAAO membership. Nominators are required to submit a letter of nomination with appended supporting information in **English** using the format shown below. If the nomination is being made by an individual PAAO member, past or present professional affiliations with the nominee and potential conflict of interest should be disclosed in the cover letter. The nomination



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package should not exceed ten (10) pages, and is due by October 10, 2004 at the PAAO Administrative Office, Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology, 1301 South Bowen Road, Suite 365, Arlington, Texas 76013-2286 USA.

Nominations will be reviewed by a five-member panel, which is likely to favor prevention of blindness activities aimed at the elderly poor, the disabled, and underserved children. The successful candidate will be notified by December 15, 2004, and the award will be presented at the Opening Ceremony of the XXV Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology in Santiago, Chile (March 18-21, 2005). The awardee is expected to prepare a paper describing the work and accomplishments being recognized by the Kupfer Award. This paper will be scheduled for presentation at the congress, and will receive further recognition through publication in *Vision Pan-America*.

Nominee Information Format:

- Name(s), organizational affiliation(s), and addresses of the nominated individual/team.
- Concise abstract summarizing the specific activities/accomplishments being proposed for recognition (approximately 1/2 page).
- Curriculum vitae(s) of nominated individual/team members: degrees/diplomas, positions/appointments, professional experience, awards/honors, publications, etc. (each CV is limited to 2 pages).
- Detailed and full description of the prevention of blindness work upon which the nomination is based: background information on the geographic, socioeconomic, and demographic characteristics of the target population(s); approaches used in reaching the target population; description of the methods/procedures and activities; complementary roles and contributions of community/other organizations; specific achievements and results obtained; sources of outside financial support; needs/opportunities for further work (2-3 pages).

