

There is always a better way.

An annual award for original thinking in facial aesthetic surgery. Open to residents and fellows in accredited programs in the United States and Canada.

Training produces excellent technicians.
The field advances on thinkers.

WHAT IT ASKS FOR

Identify an accepted principle, technique, measurement, sequence, or assumption in facial aesthetic surgery that deserves to be reconsidered. Make the case for a better way. State the strongest objection to your own position, and answer it.

750 words. One idea. The proposition carries 60 of 100 points. Publications are not required: an original argument outscores a long bibliography and a conventional one.

WHO MAY APPLY

Otolaryngology

Residents, PGY-4 and PGY-5

Plastic Surgery

Residents, final two years

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Residents, final year

Facial Plastic Surgery

Fellows

Aesthetic Surgery

Fellows

Oculoplastic Surgery

Fellows

Surgeons in independent practice are not eligible. There is no application fee.

\$5,000

To one recipient annually, 2027
through 2031

Unrestricted. Paid on announcement.
No receipts, no reporting, and no
restriction on how it is used.

Presented in person. Where and when
is arranged with the recipient once
they have been chosen.

HOW TO APPLY

THE FORM

One form, at the address below. The proposition is typed into it and a curriculum vitae attached. No account to create.

TWO LETTERS

One from a faculty member of the applicant's choosing and one from the program director or chairman, each emailed directly by its author.

THE CALENDAR

Open now, closing 11:59 p.m. Eastern on **December 15, 2026**. The recipient is announced in the spring of 2027.