



MARSHA RAULERSON ADVOCACY AWARD

CRITERIA & PROCEDURES

The Marsha Raulerson Advocacy Award is presented to a pediatrician member of the AL-AAP in recognition of steadfast service to children beyond the usual scope of practice through strong and faithful dedication to better policies for improved child health at the local, state and national levels.

Created in 2011, the award is named in honor of Marsha Raulerson, MD, FAAP, of Brewton, who has worked tirelessly for children in Alabama during her more than 30 years of practicing community pediatrics through consistent and effective advocacy for children's programs and policies at the local, state and national levels.

Criteria for nominations include:

- ♦ Member in good standing of Chapter and national AAP
- ♦ Involved in Chapter activities for at least five years
- ♦ Demonstrates passion and efficacy for child advocacy issues
- ♦ Encourages advocacy development within the AAP

Procedures for nominations & selection of awardees:

1. Nominations may be made by any individual member of the AL-AAP.
2. Each nomination must consist of a letter of nomination and a CV of the nominee that clearly indicate his/her qualifications. The award, consisting of a plaque, will not necessarily be given annually, and only one recipient may be selected in any year. Previous winners are not eligible.
3. In the event that there is more than one nomination for the award in a given year:
 - a. The Executive Director or other office staff will email the Executive Board all candidate materials; board members will be given at least one week to vote their choice for the award by email vote. The winner will be determined as the nominee with the most votes (counted by the Chapter office staff);
 - b. Nominees who are not selected to receive the award in the year in which they were nominated will be considered the following year, but only after email confirmation between the Executive Director and the original nominator. The award would also be open to other nominees.
4. Nominations are due to the Chapter Executive Office no later than June 15 to be considered for that year's award, which is presented at the Chapter Annual Meeting.