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2026 Arkansas Regent's Awards

Open to Members and Fellows of the ACHE

Deadline for Nominations: August 1, 2026

From George Velez, FACHE, ACHE Regent for Arkansas –

Each year, ACHE Regents have the opportunity to provide awards for outstanding healthcare executive leadership in their jurisdiction. The Regent's Awards recognize exemplary leadership of both Early Career and Senior Level healthcare executives. The criteria for both levels is listed below, along with the attached nomination form.

On behalf of the ACHE, I sincerely hope that you will take time to consider nominating deserving individuals for one or both of these important Regent's Awards. As indicated on the nomination form, nominations must be received at AHA headquarters by **Saturday, August 1, 2026**, to allow adequate time for the selection process to occur. Award winners will be announced at the AHA Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon on October 15, 2026.

Selection Criteria

Early Career Healthcare Executive

- An affiliate of the American College of Healthcare Executives
- Demonstration of leadership ability
- Demonstration of innovative and creative management
- Executive capability in developing his/her organization and promoting its growth and stature in the community
- Participation in local, state or provincial hospital and health association activities
- Participation in civic/community activities and projects
- Demonstration of participation in College activities and interest in assisting ACHE in achieving its objectives

Senior Level Healthcare Executive

- A Fellow of ACHE
- A CEO, COO or other senior level executive position within the organization
- Demonstration of leadership ability
- Demonstration of innovative and creative management
- Executive capability in developing his/her organization and promoting its growth and stature in the community
- Contributions to the development of others in the healthcare profession
- Demonstration of leadership in local, state or provincial hospital and health association activities
- Participation in civic/community activities and projects
- Demonstration of participation in College activities and interest in assisting ACHE in achieving its objectives

Submission Requirements

- 2026 Nomination Form
- A **detailed narrative** citing contributions, achievements, honors, etc., stating why this individual deserves recognition by the ACHE
- A current curriculum vitae or narrative biography of the nominee
- Letters in support of the nomination (optional, but very helpful)
- A digital photograph

Awards Presented: October 15, 2026

NOMINATION FORM

2026 ACHE Regent's Awards

Arkansas Hospital Association
419 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205
(501) 224-7878

Please check award category: **Nomination Deadline: August 1, 2026**

- ☐ Early Career Healthcare Executive Award
- ☐ Senior Level Healthcare Executive Award **(Fellow requirement)**

Name of Nominee: _____

ACHE Credentials (circle one) Member Fellow

Professional/Business Title: _____

Employer/Business: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone:_____

Name of Person Submitting Nomination: _____

Title: _____

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Briefly describe reason for nomination, with full explanation and detailed narrative in attached documentation.

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All nominations must comply with submission requirements outlined in brochure.
Please return to the Arkansas Hospital Association (address listed above).

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