

2026 SCSRC Practitioners of the Year Award Criteria and Guidelines

Award Categories:

Practitioner of the Year – Clinical

Inpatient clinical practitioner

Practitioner of the Year – Education

RC college educators, asthma educators, COPD navigators, or clinical educators

Practitioner of the Year – Leadership

Inpatient directors, managers, or can be a staff member or educator who demonstrates leadership for the profession

Practitioner of the Year – Garrett Galloway Outpatient Leadership

Outpatient PFT labs, post-acute and long term rehabilitation facilities, home care and DME, pulmonary rehab, sleep, and LTACH

Basic Requirements: In order to be eligible, candidates must be currently practicing in the state of South Carolina, an active AARC member, hold an active RCP license from the SC LLR, and spend at least 50% of his/her time working in the selected category.

Please include your name, AARC # and contact information, the department name, organization name, organization address, and department director/manager name and contact information.

Nomination Process: Electronic nominations should be e-mailed to scholarships@scsrc.org by July 1, 2026. Nominations can be submitted on this form electronically, or in the body of an e-mail message. Nomination should include the following information:

- Nominee's Name and AARC #
- Credentials - Certification/Registry (from national organization or specialty organization)
- Address
- Phone Number (Home and Work)
- Email
- Job Title
- Place of Employment/Educational Affiliation
- Academic Preparation (degrees, diplomas, certificates)
- Years of Experience in the Respiratory Care Profession
- Professional Involvement (national, regional, or local professional organizations; memberships; committees; offices held)
- Work Related Committee Involvement
- Examples of how the nominee:
 - Promotes and advances the Respiratory Care Profession in a positive way in the clinical practice setting, affiliated educational institution, and in the community.
 - Is accountable and addresses ethical issues and practices within scope.
 - Displays commitment to the growth and development of students and colleagues.
 - Demonstrates caring and assists other therapists to grow and develop.
 - Has made contributions to the overall further development of the Respiratory Care Profession.
 - Any additional qualifying information

Selection Process: The scholarship committee will review all nominations and present the awards at the annual business meeting in September. **Application deadline is July 1, 2026.**