

AWARD INFORMATION

Description:

Harold R. Gordon is considered to be the father of the American health insurance industry. He was a visionary who sensed that some place between the property/casualty insurance and life insurance industry would emerge a distinct industry concerned with insuring the financial aspects of a person getting sick or hurt.

Harold Gordon was the first director of Health Insurance Association of America, which organized insurance companies to cooperate on matters of common interest. It was Harold Gordon who realized that agents too must organize for their common good. His vision and leadership resulted in the formation of the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU) which eventually became the National Association of Benefits & Insurance Professionals (NABIP).

In memory of this great leader and the legacy he has left, NABIP annually awards the industry's greatest accolade, the Harold R. Gordon Memorial Award, which recognizes a recipient for their lifetime achievement in the industry.

The recipient of the award is selected by a special committee that carefully reviews applications of industry professionals nominated for contributions made above and beyond the call of duty without a goal of personal gain.

Nomination Requirements:

To nominate someone for this award, please complete the following **Nomination Form**. Please include a statement of support for the nominated individual along with corroborating documentation detailing the accomplishments of the nominee. Provide information on present and former positions, including the individual's connections with health insurance, educational background and degrees, special honors and membership and positions held in other outside organizations. **Most importantly, please provide specific accomplishments that in your opinion entitle your nominee to this prestigious award.**

The deadline for applications is May 6, 2026.

NOMINATION FORM

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Email Address & Phone Number:

Nominator's Name (Print): _____

Nominator's Signature: _____

Nominator's Email Address & Phone Number:

Please make a copy for your records and email the application form and supporting documentation and testimonials to BWillson@NABIP.org. Electronic copies only, no hard copies will be accepted.

Rules:

1. This Nomination Form should be accompanied by a supporting statement detailing the accomplishments of the nominee. Supply information on present and former positions within NABIP, including the individual's connections with health insurance, educational background and degrees, special honors and membership and positions held in outside organizations. Most importantly, please provide specific accomplishments that, in your opinion, entitle your nominee to be considered for this prestigious award.
2. Nominations without supporting statements may not be given the same consideration by the Harold R. Gordon Committee as other applications with corroborating documentation.
3. Testimonial letters from industry and work colleagues, community leaders, and outside organizational leaders are welcome to be submitted with the other documentation as well.

Due date:

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF SUBMISSION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION IS **MAY 6, 2026.**

Please submit to Brooke Willson at bwillson@nabip.org