



Ralph and Melissa Daniel Young Physician Nail Merit Award

Purpose for the Ralph and Melissa Daniel Young Physician Nail Merit Award:

The award is meant to encourage a Dermatologist or Podiatrist who has demonstrated scholarship and initiative in the study of people with disorders of the nails to further pursue a career related to nail disease. The award shall be presented at the annual meeting of the Council for Nail Disorders.

Criteria:

- Eligible candidates for the award should have completed a dermatology or podiatry residency program within the past four years (requires letter from residency program),
- Board certification in their specialty (provide proof of certification),
- Past publications and/or meeting presentations which demonstrate support of the mission of the Council for Nail Disorders.

Personal Statement by Ralph and Melissa Daniel:

We have greatly benefited from the medical field, especially in dermatology and nail disorders. When we began writing about nails and nail research in the 1970's, there were only a handful of us that concentrated on nail disorders. We were able to partner early on with Dick Scher who kindly helped foster our burgeoning interest. We also appreciated the work of Robert Baran and Nardo Zaias. Now we hope, in some modest fashion, to assist the next generation of onychologists.

Specifics:

1. Up to one, \$1,000 award will be granted each year
2. An award committee, made up of the Board of Trustees of the Council for Nail Disorders, will send a letter to each department chairman for each dermatology and podiatry residency, program as well as to the membership of the Council for Nail Disorders to solicit candidates for the award
3. The award will be presented at the 2024 Council for Nail Disorders scientific meeting
4. Department chairs and/or members of the Council for Nail Disorders may recommend candidates for the award
5. An award committee made up of the Board of Trustees of the Council for Nail Disorders will review the candidates and decide on the recipient of the award. The announcement will be made within *four weeks* of the Annual Meeting, and the candidate will be invited to attend the meeting and give a presentation.
6. Candidate package will include 1) a completed CND application, 2) a letter of recommendation, and 3) the applicant's curriculum vitae.

Please submit a letter of recommendation for the candidate that you feel worthy of this award by April 15th, 2024 to Kristen Paoli, Administrator at Kristen.CND@gmail.com.

