

LUIS V. AMADOR, M.D. MEDALLION AWARD

Presented by the
Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of Kiwanis International
and
Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation

The Luis V. Amador, M.D. Medallion Award is an award program that allows a Divisional Council within the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of Kiwanis International to extend special recognition and honor to an individual that has demonstrated outstanding service within his or her community. The recipient of the award is presented a medallion. A contribution is also made in the name of the recipient to an endowment fund with the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation of the I-I District, the income from which will be used to continuously support the programs of the Foundation.

Dr. Luis V. Amador

The Award is named in honor of Dr. Luis V. Amador, the medical director of the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation since its inception in 1952. He was Professor of Clinical Surgery at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago and Professor of Clinical Surgery at Northwestern Medical School in Chicago. He is the author, through a grant of the Foundation, of *Brain Tumors in the Young*, a definitive book on the subject which the Foundation has circulated worldwide to hospitals with pediatric neurosurgeons. He is coauthor of *The Atlas of the Brain* and is currently working on additional publications.

The Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation is truly considered “Our Finest Project” within the I-I District of Kiwanis and this Award program combines Kiwanis admiration for Dr. Amador with admiration for many other individuals who, through service, inspire us.

General Criteria for the Award

In recognition of Dr. Amador’s lifetime dedication to the goals of Kiwanis through his involvement with the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation, the recipient of the Amador Medallion should similarly have demonstrated over an extended period of time, extraordinary personal dedication of one’s time and resources to the pursuit of charitable, benevolent and community service activities consistent with the Objectives of Kiwanis. The recipient need not be a Kiwanian, but should possess inspirational leadership skills that direct, motivate, and encourage both Kiwanians and non-Kiwanians to render altruistic service within the community.

Nomination and Selection Process

Each Division within the I-I District may award one Medallion during a Kiwanis administrative limited year (October 1 through July 1). Nominees for the Award may be either a Kiwanis member or a non-member who meet the general criteria.

The selection process begins with a written notice by the Lt. Governor of the Division to each Club announcing that nominations are being received and will be considered by the Division Council on a date certain, but no less than 30 days after the date of notice. Either a Club, through its Board of Directors, or Kiwanis member(s) in good standing within the Division may nominate an individual.

The nomination is made in writing and should contain a statement of qualification, not exceeding 400 words, in support of the nomination. The statement of qualification should address how the nominee qualifies under the general criteria, particularly 1) the nominee's personal commitment to service and 2) the nominee's leadership and/or inspirational qualities.

The nomination should also contain a pledge by the nominating club(s) and/or individual(s) to contribute a minimum of \$500 to the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation should the nomination be approved. The pledge should also contain a statement that the contribution will be made in addition to any regularly planned annual contribution to the Foundation by a Club.

Each nomination shall be considered by the Divisional Council. The Council may, but is not required to, select one nominee to receive the Award. Upon selection of a recipient, the Lieutenant Governor collects and transmits the \$500 contribution to the Foundation, together with an Award Certification Form and Statement of Qualification to the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation, in care of the I-I District Office. Thereupon, the recipient of the Award, together with his or her statement of qualification, will be entered permanently in the Book of Recipients of the Luis V. Amador, M.D. Medallion Award. The \$500 contribution given in honor of the recipient will be deposited into an endowment fund.

The Divisional Council, with the concurrence of the Foundation Board, may elect to have the Award presented during the next I-I Kiwanis District Convention or at some other appropriate occasion when the entire division is represented.

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