



Recognition Awards

*Honoring Lifetime Achievement,
Administrators, DON, and CNA of the Year*

Award Categories and Eligibility Criteria

- You may submit nominations in all categories.
- Current VHCA-VCAL Officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, and Immediate Past Chairman) are ineligible for nomination.

James G. Dunton Distinguished Service Award for Lifetime Achievement

VHCA-VCAL's highest honor, the James G. Dunton Distinguished Service Award for Lifetime Achievement, is named for Jim Dunton, former VHCA Executive Director and a truly great gentleman who led a life of distinction. This award is presented to a candidate who has been active with the association for at least **ten** years, risen to the top of the profession by pursuing excellence, expanding into new areas, and contributing to long term care in Virginia.

Nursing Facility Administrator of the Year Award

This award recognizes a nursing center administrator for outstanding statewide leadership who has been active as an administrator in the association for at least **four** years, has current direct supervisory responsibility, has demonstrated outstanding leadership ability, and has contributed significantly to the profession of long term care administration.

Assisted Living Administrator of the Year Award

This award recognizes an assisted living administrator for outstanding statewide leadership who has been active as an administrator in the association for at least **two** years, has current direct supervisory responsibility, has demonstrated outstanding leadership ability, and has contributed significantly to the profession of long term care administration.

Director of Nursing of the Year Award

This award recognizes an individual who possesses and demonstrates clinical and managerial expertise, leadership skills in quality care with positive outcomes, respect for residents, co-workers and policy, integrity and a high standard of ethical behavior, the ability to maintain an efficient, professional environment, and availability to staff and family members.

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) of the Year Award

This award recognizes the dedication and compassion among our center's CNAs. The CNA of the year should demonstrate respect for residents, co-workers and the workplace, as well as, set and adhere to a high standard of personal ethics. The individual should exhibit leadership skills, mentor new staff, present a positive professional image, and maintain a positive and friendly relationship with family members and visitors, and exhibit a solid attendance record along with flexibility in work scheduling and duties.

**Fillable electronic forms are available at www.vhca.org/nomination-packages.
Completed submission form and related materials deadline is June 27, 2025.**