

# Excellence Awards

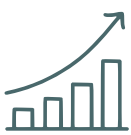
## Helpful tips for applying to the 2026 Excellence Awards

The NAACOS Excellence Awards recognize high-performing organizations who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to and accomplishments in accountable care. Check out these dos and don'ts to help make your 2026 Excellence Award nomination stand out.

### DO



Do use the submission form to capture and guide your narrative responses. There is no word limit, but each response should be between 400-600 words.



Do incorporate objective data as evidence into each of your narrative responses to support performance and outcomes improvements AND attach any supporting documentation to your submission email.



Do ensure a member of your organization's senior leadership will be available to accept the award at the NAACOS fall conference should you be accepted.



Do include all submission materials in one email to [advocacy@naacos.com](mailto:advocacy@naacos.com) by 11:59 p.m. ET on July 30, 2026 with the subject line: "Excellence Award submission [ORG NAME]".

### DON'T



Don't submit more than one nomination per each NAACOS membership organization. Please check with your colleagues and develop a single nomination. Email [membership@naacos.com](mailto:membership@naacos.com) if you have questions about your membership.



Don't let a vendor or business partner develop a nomination on your behalf. Submissions prepared by vendors will be disqualified.



Don't repeat the same examples and language for each prompt. Provide specific responses to each question, including specific examples for each question within the nomination form.

**Questions? Just ask!**  
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