

2026 Excellence in Ethical Practice Award

Focus of the APBA Excellence in Ethical Practice Award

This award honors the importance of high ethical standards by recognizing an individual who engages in ethical practice and embodies that principles and standards described in the Behavior Analyst Certification Board® (BACB®) Ethics Code for Behavior Analysts and the RBT® Ethics Code (2.0) in their every-day work of applied behavior analysis. The award is delivered at the Annual APBA Convention. In 2026, the Awards ceremony will take place during the Convention March 12-14 in New Orleans. The APBA Awards Committee reviews nominations and determine whether to recommend a recipient for consideration by the APBA Board of Directors. The APBA Board of Directors determines the recipient by majority vote.

Submission Requirements

- Write a statement describing the nominee's achievements in demonstrating excellence in ethical practice in the profession ABA-based services. Please refer to the eligibility criteria in the statement below that follows and describe specific, concrete accomplishments by the nominee that meet the criteria. Keep the statement to a maximum of 3 single-spaced pages.
- Gather supporting documentation (see description and examples below).
- Combine your statement AND supporting documentation AND the nominee's CV into a single PDF max size of 100MG.
- Complete the sections in this form and upload the PDF – incomplete or late nominations will not be considered.

Nominees need not be behavior analysts, certified by the BACB, nor members of APBA.

Anyone whose work has demonstrates a strong commitment to the Ethics Code for Behavior Analysts and the RBT Ethics Code (2.0) in the practice of applied behavior analysis may be nominated for this award.

This may include, but is not limited to:

- ethical supervision of employees, students, and trainees
- application of ethics in education of students and trainees
- the ethical application of behavior analysis in clinical practice
- Evidence of qualifications for the award must accompany the nomination.

Examples should demonstrate/reference specific codes of ethics. Examples of supporting documentation include (but are not limited to):

- published articles, chapters, or books on ethics
- syllabi from courses taught
- abstracts and objectives from workshops or other speaking engagements
- commendations from employers, consumers, colleagues
- evidence of incorporating ethics content into supervision sessions

Current members of the APBA Board of Directors are not eligible.

Self nominations will not be accepted.

The award recipient is invited to attend the 2026 APBA Convention (March 12-14, New Orleans) to accept the award.