Criteria for Selection of Award Recipients
Adopted 2-6-2007

William B Smith Award: In recognition of Dr. William Smith’s dedication to the profession of dentistry and his/her role model for the highest ethics standards in his/her years of involvement in dentistry. Choose an individual or group of individuals who display the following characteristics:

1. A long tenure of involvement in the profession of dentistry, not limited just too active participation in the Third District or the American Dental Association.

2. The individual is a role model for high ethics both in the practice of dentistry and outside the practice of dentistry.

Inscription on plaque: The William B. Smith Award is presented to Dr. ___ who has displayed continued involvement in organized dentistry, continued education and has displayed the highest ethical standards.

Feltman-Hunn Medal of Merit: This award is a leadership award, not just for an active participant in the society. It is given to a member for exceptional leadership and dedication to the perfection of the Art and Science of Dentistry. Choose an individual who displays the following characteristics:

1. Has been an active member of organized dentistry in which he or she has provided leadership as a committee member or officer of any dental organization.

2. He or she has provided leadership in improving the quality of care that patients does receive from members of the Third District.

Inscription on plaque: The Feltman-Hunn Medal of Merit is awarded to Dr. ___ in recognition of his/her exceptional leadership and munificent dedication to the perfection of the art and science of dentistry.

Downes-Ripp Achievement Award: The Districts’ most prestigious member award for untiring commitment to dentistry, accomplishments of special note to the profession of dentistry. All of which contributes to the betterment of the profession of dentistry. Choose a member who best displays characteristics from the following:

1. A member who has been a positive force in changing dentistry and has provided expertise above and beyond the average practitioner to the profession of dentistry, to members of the Third District.

2. A member who has provided exceptional leadership in improving the care patient does receive through innovative methods or materials.

3. A member who has provided exceptional dedication and educational experiences for the profession in undergraduate, post-graduate, university or hospital programs or in continuing education programs.

4. A member who has been a positive driving force to improve patient care.

Inscription on plaque: This award is presented to Dr. In recognition of his/her untiring commitment for the betterment of the profession of dentistry.

Distinguished Service Award – new award adopted 2-6-2007
Many times there is a person, group or organization that makes a contribution to the dental community that should be honored or acknowledged by the Third District Dental Society. The criteria are similar to the Feltman-Hunn Medal of Merit. This award is to be given to a non-dentist and meets any of the following criteria:

1. He or she has provided leadership in improving the quality of care that patients receive from members of the Third District.

2. He or she has contributed in a positive way to the Third District Dental Society, and the practice of dentistry for the betterment of the society or dentistry.

3. This award may be given to dental hygienists, dental assistants or other professionals who work closely with dentistry.

Inscription on plaque: This award is presented to ___ in recognition of his/her leadership and dedication to the dental profession and the Third District Dental Society.
The Third District Dental Society has four (4) awards which may be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting in the fall. When nominating a person for an award please follow the criteria for each award. To make your nomination, please complete this form and return to the Third District Dental Society Awards Committee. One nomination per form.

Your Name: ____________________________________ Phone : ______________________________
Address: ______________________________________ Email: ______________________________

Name of Nominee: _____________________________________________________________________

Third District member: ____ Yes
____ Officer, Committee Chair, Member of _______________________________ committee
____ No: __ Dental Hygienist __ Dental Assistant
__ Other professional ______________________________________________

Nominated for the following Award:
_____ William B Smith Award
_____ Feltman-Hunn Medal of Merit
_____ Downes – Ripp Achievement Award
_____ Distinguished Service Award

Reason for nominating the above person:
(All or part of this description will be read at the time of the award. Use separate page if necessary.)

Deadline: June 1, 2007

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