

Distinguished Member Award:

The Distinguished Member Award is honored to an individual who has provided an exceptional service to the profession over a period of years. This member must demonstrate strong leadership and integrity within the Health Information Management profession. He/ She should be someone who has gone above and beyond to help significantly impact the goals and objectives of HIM.

Criteria	Points	Minimum Points	Maximum Points
Years of Membership (excluding student membership years)	1 point per year 1 year= 1 point	1	50
Years of HIM Work Experience	1 point per FTE year 1 FTE= 1 point	1	50
Education	5= Associate degree 10 points = Bachelor's degree 15 additional points = each Graduate degree	5	40
Credentials/Certifications	5 points each	5	15
Professional Titles	5-20 points each based on level of position (<i>determined by the committee based upon evidence provided in the application</i>)	10	40
Professional Participation	2 points per year = KHIMA Committee member 3 points per year = KHIMA Committee chair	3	40
Presentations and Publications	2 points per CE hour = Professional HIM association (local, state or national) presentation 1 point per CE hour = Presentation given to a non-HIM professional association or other healthcare entity 3 points each = Published professional journal article 5 points each = Authorship of a published professional textbook or reference	1	40

Advancement of Profession	<p>1-5 points each (<i>determined by the committee based upon the evidence provided in the application</i>)</p> <p>Examples: Serving as a PPE site supervisor; serving on an academic HIM program Advisory Board; serving on a local, state, or national healthcare task force; guest speaking at an academic program; serving as project manager on a large HIM-related project; development of an innovative HIM solution that others have adopted or adapted</p>	0	60
Professional Awards, Honors, Recognitions	<p>2-10 points each (<i>determined by the committee based on evidence provided in the application</i>)</p>	0	30
Career Progression Essay	<p>15-30 points (<i>determined by the committee based on the essay submitted by the applicant or nominee</i>)</p>	15	30