The Margaret Oakley Dayhoff Award

This award honors the memory of Dr. Margaret Oakley Dayhoff, former President of the Biophysical Society, Professor of Biophysics at Georgetown University, and Director of Research at the National Biomedical Research Foundation. The award will be presented each year at the Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society to a junior woman scientist working in a field within the range of interest of the Biophysical Society. This award is aimed toward the woman of very high promise who has not yet reached a position of high recognition within the structures of academic society. The award will consist of a $1000 prize.

Candidates shall be judged on achievement and promise in fields within the purview and interest of the Biophysical Society. Achievement means that the candidate has already published substantial contributions to science; promise means that the candidate shows indications of leadership in ideas, organization, or other ways manifest to her colleagues within the scientific community.

A candidate who has already received University tenure by the date of nomination is not eligible. A candidate having a Ph.D. or equivalent degree shall be eligible until she has completed eight years of full time work following the degree. A candidate with a Baccalaureate degree but without a Ph.D. shall have twelve years of eligibility. Time taken off for child rearing will not be counted in this total. Part-time work and other special circumstances will be evaluated at the discretion of the committee. Candidates who work in non-academic environments are eligible if their work is published and meets academic standards.

The award is limited to U.S. citizens or persons holding permanent residence in the United States and publishing their work in English.

Nominations are due by each June 1 for the following year’s award. Nominations may be submitted by any member in good standing of the Biophysical Society. They should contain the name of the nominator, the name and address of the nominee, and any other information requested by the Society.

Nominations should be sent to:

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