



## 2022 AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program Year Get Started

### Silver & Gold Award Eligible Applicants

Successful applications take time to write and finalize, especially at the Silver and Gold Award levels. Visit the [National Quality Award website](#) to access the following resources to help you start and stay on track beginning in August.

1. Complete the [Silver Self-Assessment or Gold Self-Assessment](#) to see if you are ready for the next level.
2. Download and read respective Silver and Gold Award [application](#) packets. Be sure to check out the renewal policy.
3. Get connected to your facility in the Quality Award [Portal](#).
4. Create your application writing team and sign up everyone in [ahcancaLED](#) to access short videos that help with each section of the application.
5. [Hear](#) from past Gold Award recipients for advice on the application process on ahcancaLED.
6. Make sure you have access to [LTC Trend Tracker](#) to collect your data.
7. Download and review recommended [month-by-month action plans](#).
8. [Attend](#) AHCA/NCAL Annual Convention & Expo for educational sessions and Quality Award Ceremony October 10-13.
9. Submit your Intent to Apply (ITA) in the Portal before the deadline on November 11 at 8 pm ET.
10. Finalize and submit your application and payment in the Portal before the deadline on January 27, 2022.

### Other Ways to Get Involved

Consider becoming an Examiner for the 2022 program cycle. Examiners gain expertise in the criteria and can help accelerate their organizations quality improvement efforts. If you are interested, visit the [Examiner website](#).

### Key Dates to Know

- August 2 – 2022 Quality Award Program year begins and applications available
- September 16 – Intent to Apply (ITA) opens and Examiner applications available
- October 12 – Quality Award Ceremony and Celebration
- November 11 – ITA deadline
- January 27, 2022 – Application deadline
- Summer 2022 – Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award notifications

### Have Questions?

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