



2026 Eugene L. Gottlieb JCO Student of the Year

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FACT SHEET

Timeline

October 31, 2025, 4 p.m. Mountain Time (MST).....	Submission Deadline
November 3, 2025	Case Distributed
November 17, 2025, 4 p.m. MST	Case Deadline
December 17, 2025.....	Finalists Announced
January 16, 2026, 4 p.m. MST	Finalist Case Deadline
May 1-3, 2026 2025	Prize Ceremony at the AAO Convention, Orlando

Nomination Process

Any orthodontic department in the United States can nominate a current student for the award. An individual student can be nominated only once. The department will submit a letter of recommendation from the student's faculty adviser or other faculty member; an additional letter of recommendation from any other source; and an application form.

All application materials must be submitted in digital format by 4 p.m. MST, Friday, October 31, 2025, by the orthodontic department. Each applicant will receive records of an unpublished case on November 3, 2025, and must submit a complete treatment plan by November 17, 2025, at 4 p.m. MST.

Judging and Finalists

A panel of three editors, moderated by Editor Neal Kravitz, will review all applications and select 12 finalists. All 12 finalists will be profiled on the JCO Facebook page. Finalists must submit all relevant materials from a case—finished or unfinished—worked on by the finalist. If the finalist did not do all of the work on the case, please note which parts were done by the finalist. The case should be submitted in the same style as an ABO submission, including the written case report, discrepancy index, cast-radiograph evaluation, any digital records, and progress photos showing the appliances on the teeth. All materials must be submitted in digital format by 4 p.m. MST, Friday, January 16, 2025.

A wider panel of JCO editors will evaluate the finalists' application materials. The winner will be the student who displays the

highest clinical aptitude and the most well-rounded approach to orthodontics and life. The winner will be announced on March 12, 2026, will receive the prize package at the AAO convention in Orlando, and will have his or her profile published in a future issue of JCO.

Prizes

The winner will receive a two-year print subscription, \$8,245 worth of orthodontic products and services from American Orthodontics (AO) and Dolphin, and all travel expenses to both the 2026 AAO Convention in Orlando and the American Orthodontics annual resident summit in Sheboygan, WI, in June 2026.

American Orthodontics

AO is the world's largest privately held manufacturer of orthodontic products, proudly based in Sheboygan, WI. AO is dedicated to providing quality products, dependable delivery, and personalized service.

Other Sponsors

Dolphin provides 2D/3D imaging, diagnostic, treatment planning, case presentation, practice management, and patient education software for orthodontists. Mobile and Cloud applications are available.

Questions

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