



## Harry M. Vars Award

### Vars qualification and evaluation criteria

The Vars recipient receives a \$1,000 cash award, a commemorative plaque, acknowledgement at Clinical Nutrition Week and in subsequent A.S.P.E.N. member communications.

Vars candidates are chosen according to:

- Candidates have chosen to participate in the Vars competition.
- The abstract score as reviewed by the Abstract Review Committee.
- The abstract represents original work that is presented for the first time at CNW.
- Originality and relevance of the abstract to nutrition therapy and/or metabolic support.
- Candidate agrees to comply with award responsibilities:
  - The presenting author is specified at the time of abstract submission and will attend CNW. This presenting author may be at any career stage and is the primary contributor to the research represented in the abstract.
  - A manuscript based on the candidate's abstract will be produced and submitted to *JPEN* prior to the stated submission deadline. Failure to meet the deadline will result in disqualification of the candidate.
  - Candidates will attend CNW to present their abstract at the Premier Paper session, and other educational symposia, if the abstract is topically related and if asked to do an additional presentation.
  - Candidates will attend the Rhoads Lecture and Awards Ceremony to be available to receive the Vars award. Only one candidate will receive the award, however all candidates must attend.
- The quality of presentation and response to questions at the Premier Paper Session. NOTE: consideration will be made of the presenting author's career stage, i.e., the presenter will be judged in the context of his/her career level and expertise in the subject matter.