



## 2011 Guidelines Maternal and Child Health Section Awards

### Purpose

Each year the Maternal and Child Health Section (MCH) recognizes leaders in the maternal and child health field at the Martha May Eliot Luncheon at the APHA Annual Meeting. At the luncheon, APHA also presents the prestigious Association-wide Martha May Eliot Award that honors an individual with exceptional achievement in the field of maternal and Child Health. (For details on the award, visit <http://www.apha.org/about/awards/marthaemliot/>)

This year, the MCH section is seeking nominations for the awards listed below; **Nominations for these awards will be accepted until April 30, 2011. The awards descriptions, criteria, and instructions for submission are as follows:**

### Awards Description

1. **The Young Professional Award** recognizes a young professional up to and including 40 years of age who has made a significant contribution to the field of maternal and child health. This contribution can be through a specific, particularly creative endeavor or through outstanding achievement over a number of years in the areas of public health practice, management, advocacy, clinical care, community service, education, or research. Potential for continuing impact on the field and for future service to the Section is also important.
2. **The Effective Practice Award** recognizes individuals or groups whose work has made a significant contribution to effective public health practice in MCH at the community, state, tribal, national, or global levels. The criteria for this award include: 1) significance of work, 2) contribution to public health practice in MCH, and 3) level of impact on the intended population.
3. **The Outstanding Leadership/Advocacy Award** recognizes leaders who serve at a local, state or national level and who have made significant contributions to the field by creating the political will to improve the health of mothers and children. The criteria for this award include: 1) demonstrated increase in political will including the provision of resources, 2) contribution to public health practice in MCH, and 3) impact on the MCH population.
4. **The MCH Section Distinguished Service Award** recognizes the outstanding contributions of MCH Section members and leaders for their dedication and exemplary efforts to the work of the MCH Section and APHA.

*The awards consist of a plaque, complimentary ticket to the Martha May Eliot luncheon, and one day's registration to the APHA 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Exposition, October 29 – November 2, 2011 in Washington, DC.*

## Criteria

Eligible candidates include MCH professionals in the private and public sectors at the local, state, tribal, national, or global level. Preferably, nominees should be active in the MCH section. Achievement, as indicated by high quality and originality of contributions rather than longevity, should be emphasized. Criteria for each of the awards are included in the description of the awards above.

## Nomination Process

1. Nomination on official form.
2. A letter from the nominator describing the most important achievements of the nominee and explaining why the nominee meets the criteria for the award.
3. Two supporting letters must signed by their authors. Emailed letters must contain an electronic signature.
4. A current curriculum vitae or a detailed resume of the nominee.

Nominations should not be sent in notebooks, binders or folders. Incomplete nominations will be returned to the nominator for correction and resubmission before the deadline. Nominations submitted via email must be received by deadline date. Send the nominations via email to [JFischer@MOMobile.org](mailto:JFischer@MOMobile.org) or by U.S. Postal Service by first class mail or other carrier to the address listed below, postmarked by the deadline date. Electronic applications are preferred.

## Selection Process

1. The MCH Awards Committee will review all nominations and select the award winners. The Awards Committee may choose to give no award or more than one award in a category based on the review of the nominations.
2. Nominees for the Distinguished Service Award will be reviewed by the present MCH Section Chair and the Executive Committee.
3. Public announcement of the award winner will be published in the October issue of *The Nation's Health*.

### **Deadline – April 30, 2011**

Maternal Child Health Section Awards Committee  
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Nomination Form  
2011 Maternal and Child Health Awards  
(Please print or type)

Criteria and Awards Description presented in above statement

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Full Name		
Award Intended		
Degree(s)		
Title		
Organization		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone Number	Fax Number	
Email		

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Full Name		
Title		
Organization		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone Number	Fax Number	
Email		
Signature	Date	

*(Please print or type)*

Describe below in detail the current creative work, distinguished achievements, or distinguished service which make this nominee worthy of the award, bearing in mind the description:

Position(s) (title and dates) held during performance of work for which nomination is suggested:

Publication(s) relevant to particular achievements on which nominations is based:

Other honors and awards:

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON APRIL 30, 2011.**

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