



ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS

Award

Emerging MCH Professional Award

Description

In 2014, the Emerging (formerly titled Young) MCH Professional Award was developed to recognize a current/future leader for their significant contributions to their state MCH programs in promoting and protecting the health of women, children, and families in their state and/or region. This award recognizes outstanding state or local MCH professionals under age 45 whose work has made substantial contributions to their state's MCH program, their state's MCH outcomes, or made other significant contributions to promoting and protecting the health of women, children, and families in their state. It recognizes an individual's capacity to perform above and beyond expectations, using creativity and innovation to address pressing MCH challenges, and their emerging and future leadership potential. Up to ten awards, a maximum of one from each HHS Region, will be conferred annually. The recipients will be recognized at AMCHP's Annual Conference in Washington, DC and are expected to accept the award in person.

Criteria

Nominees for the Emerging MCH Professional Award must meet the following criteria:

- Nominee must be 45 years of age or younger.
- Demonstrate individual capacity to perform above and beyond expectations, using creativity and innovation to address pressing MCH challenges, and their emerging and future leadership potential.
- Be an AMCHP member OR their organization/agency must be an AMCHP member at the time of the nomination.
- Be employed by a state health agency or health-related partner whose mission focuses on MCH issues (i.e. March of Dimes, AAP, Family Voices, Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies, etc.) Employment may be part or full time, internship, fellowship, etc.)
- If the nominee is not a Title V/MCH/CYSHCN director or AMCHP delegate, a letter supporting the nomination must be submitted by the state Title V/MCH/CYSHCN director or a state AMCHP delegate.
- Candidate may not be a current, active member of the AMCHP Board of Directors or Staff.

Selection Process

Up to ten (10) awards will be made annually from a pool of nominations solicited nationwide. AMCHP will issue a call for award nominations via AMCHP Pulse, Member Briefs, the AMCHP website and blast email to all AMCHP contacts approximately 180 days prior to the Annual Conference. Nominations will close and all materials must be submitted approximately 135 days prior to the Annual Conference. The AMCHP Region Directors will conduct the initial vetting of all nominations within their region using an identified process with the states in their region and submit a single recommended candidate to the Governance Committee from their specific region.

The Governance Committee reviews and approves the final recommendation for consideration by the Board of Directors. Nominees are notified of the final status of their submission approximately 90 days prior to the Annual Conference. The Emerging MCH Professional Award is awarded during the AMCHP Annual Conference. This award may not be awarded annually in each of the ten HRSA regions.

Special Travel Funding

If the awardee's agency will not cover travel to attend the AMCHP Conference and accept the award in person, AMCHP may, if funding is available, provide reimbursement for any of the following items:

- Round trip travel expenses, including hotel stays and ground transportation
- Full conference registration

- Incidental expenses in accordance with AMCHP's Travel Reimbursement policy
- Awardees will be notified of the availability of travel funding at the time of notification of award.

Prior Awardees

2016 Johanna Pringle – Region IV
2016 Jennifer Severe-Oforah – Region VII
2016 Anna Helms – Region VIII
2016 Breann Westmore – Region IX
2015 Jordana Foster – Region I
2015 Jeannette Mejias – Region II
2015 Christopher Hill – Region III
2015 Sharissa Chapman – Region IV
2015 Janine Lewis – Region V
2015 Clarissa Hoover – Region VI
2015 Ashley Juhl – Region VIII
2015 Jacquie Watson – Region X
2014 Jenny Baker Region X

