



2024 OPHA Awards Criteria

Lifetime Achievement Award – For a person demonstrating a lifetime commitment to public health and to the improvement of health in Oregon.

1. Longevity of work in the public health field
2. Demonstrates creative and innovative thinking in solving public health problems throughout their career
3. Led at least one successful effort to improve public health including but not limited to practice, policy or system change
4. Voluntary involvement in public health efforts outside job expectations
5. Nurtures future public health leaders
6. Engages partners outside the public health system to reach public health goals

Emerging Leader – For a person starting a career in public health who demonstrates leadership, innovation, and creativity. Alternatively, this award may also be given to an organization that has demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity at the onset of their organizational development.

1. Demonstrates creative and innovative thinking in solving public health problems.
2. Led at least one successful effort to improve public health (program, project or policy).
3. (For an individual) Voluntary involvement in public health efforts outside job expectations
4. Plans to continue work in the public health field

Policy Champion of the Year Award – For a person or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to advancing public health policy in Oregon.

1. Led at least one successful effort in the past year to pass legislation that is likely to improve public health
2. Has stated goals to work toward improving public health policy
3. Involved in more than one effort to pass public health legislation
4. Has developed partnerships with public health entities and experts to inform their work

Health Equity Champion Award – For a person or organization realizing health equity through addressing historical and contemporary injustices, centering social justice and the social determinants of health, and/or working to eliminate preventable health disparities.

1. Fosters health equity and equity for opportunities within the public health community
2. Encourages diverse perspectives and voices to inform public health work

3. Creates a welcoming and supportive climate through visibility, communication, and educational efforts
4. Showcases creativity and innovation in the promotion of equity, diversity and inclusion, throughout OPHA, at a community level, and/or in Oregon
5. Demonstrates the impact and advantages of fostering inclusiveness
6. Exemplify exceptional achievement, excellence, outstanding leadership, and have made contributions that have advanced the community's health
7. Demonstrate achievements in protecting and promoting the health of Oregon residents
8. Contributes to uplifting health equity for communities through advocacy for policy and systems change