

OPHA Awards

Criteria for choosing awardees

Lifetime Achievement Award – *This award will be given to a person who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to public health and to the improvement of health in Oregon*

- Longevity of work in the public health field
- Demonstrates creative and innovative thinking
- Led at least one successful effort to improve public health
- Led at least one successful effort to improve health policy
- Voluntary involvement in public health efforts outside job expectations
- Nurtures future public health leaders
- Engages partners outside the public health system to reach public health goals

Policy Champion of the Year Award – *This award will be given to a person or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to advancing public health policy in Oregon*

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

Emerging Leader – *This award will be given to a person that has demonstrated leadership, innovation, and creativity in the beginning of his or her public health career. Alternatively, this award may also be given to an organization that has demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity at the onset of their organizational development.*

- Plans to continue work in the public health field
- Demonstrates creative and innovative thinking
- Led at least one successful effort to improve public health
- (For an individual) Voluntary involvement in public health efforts outside job expectations

Champion for Healthy Environments Award – *This award will be given to a person, team or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to creating healthy environments in their community.*

- Led a successful effort to influence and/or implement environmental changes that promote public health
- Has elevated and/or advanced environmental justice principles in public health planning, action and partnerships
- Effectively communicates and works to address social, environmental, and historical determinants of health
- Engaged in proactive environmental public health work

Health Equity Champion Award Criteria – *This award will be given to champions working across sectors to ensure that everyone has opportunities where we live, learn, work and play.*

- Fosters health equity and equity of opportunity within our public health community
- Encourages diverse perspectives and voices into our public health work
- Creates a welcoming and supportive climate through visibility, communication, and educational efforts

- Showcases creativity and innovation in the promotion of equity, diversity and inclusion throughout OPHA and/or in Oregon
- Demonstrates the impact and advantages of fostering inclusiveness
- Exemplify exceptional achievement, excellence, outstanding leadership, and have made contributions that have advanced the community's health; and
- Demonstrate achievements in protecting and promoting the health of Oregon residents
- Contributes to uplifting health equity for communities through advocacy for policy and systems change.