

2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AWARDS

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Call for Award Nominations

2025 Annual Conference & Awards, *Mobilizing for the Moment*

The Indiana Public Health Association (IPHA) is pleased to announce the [call for award nominations](#) for the [2025 Annual Conference & Awards](#). The Annual Conference & Awards is an opportunity to recognize our colleagues, students, partners, and others who are making significant contributions to the field of public health. IPHA encourages nominees whose values and work reflects the mission, vision, and goals of the organization, specifically the advancement and achievement of health equity. It is critical to consider the diverse workforce and focus on an array of skills and talents when nominating an individual or organization for each award. Additionally, while membership is not a requirement of nominees, IPHA membership status will be considered in the nominee review and selection process, and IPHA encourages nominations of current members.

Award recipients will be expected to attend the Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, October 22 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM Eastern Time at the Ivy Tech Conference Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. Attendance at the full conference (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM ET) is encouraged but not required.

Award recipients will receive complimentary registration for the 2025 Annual Conference & Awards, as well as a free one-year membership with IPHA!

This year, award nominations will be considered in seven categories:

**Please note that some award categories are intended for either individuals or organizations ONLY, while other award categories are open to both.*

Outstanding Public Health Student Award

Recognizes an individual who 1) is an undergraduate or graduate student currently enrolled at an Indiana institution OR has graduated from an Indiana institution within the last 12 months, 2) is pursuing OR has graduated with a degree in a field of study with a focus on public health, 3) has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, and 4) has made significant contributions to public health work at their academic institution or in their community. This award opportunity is intended for individuals ONLY. Nominees' values and work should align with the advancement and achievement of health equity.

Emerging Public Health Leader Award

Recognizes an individual in Indiana who 1) has been working in the field of public health for ten years or less and 2) has made exceptional early contributions to the field of public health that illustrate long-term potential and promise for leadership and achievement. This award opportunity is intended for individuals ONLY. Nominees' values and work should align with the advancement and achievement of health equity.

Distinguished Public Health Service Award

Recognizes a public health professional in Indiana who 1) has made a significant contribution to the field of public health for more than ten years; 2) has displayed exceptional leadership; 3) has impacted the accomplishments of others in the field of public health; and 4) has done outstanding work to support and advance public health initiatives, practice, or policy. This award opportunity is intended for individuals ONLY. Nominees' values and work should align with the advancement and achievement of health equity.

Outstanding Local Health Department Award

Recognizes a local health department in Indiana for an outstanding accomplishment, program, or initiative in public health service delivery (*including but not limited to tobacco prevention and cessation, chronic disease prevention, trauma and injury prevention, maternal and child health, school health, immunizations, lead case management, emergency preparedness and response, infectious disease surveillance, environmental health, etc.*). This award opportunity is intended for organizations ONLY. Nominees' values and work should align with the advancement and achievement of health equity.

Outstanding Public Health Advocate Award

Recognizes a citizen, public health professional, elected official, advocacy group, or organization in Indiana who 1) has supported public health priorities, 2) has shown a commitment to prevention through policy change, and 3) has advocated for legislation that enhances the health and well-being of Indiana communities. This award opportunity is intended for either organizations or individuals. Nominees' values and work should align with the advancement and achievement of health equity.

Public Health Communications & Media Award

Recognizes an individual, group, or organization who has provided exceptional media coverage or communications about public health policy, programming, or successes in Indiana. Nominees may include traditional media, earned media, social media, communications campaigns, or others. This

award opportunity is intended for either organizations or individuals. Nominees' values and work should align with the advancement and achievement of health equity.

Public Health Impact Award

Recognizes an individual, group, or organization, particularly those outside of the "traditional" field of public health, who has exhibited exceptional partnership with and support for public health efforts in Indiana. Nominees may include community-based organizations, businesses or corporations, government agencies, elected officials, schools, healthcare agencies, or others. This award opportunity is intended for either organizations or individuals. Nominees' values and work should align with the advancement and achievement of health equity.

[Submit award nominations here](#) by Friday, August 22, 2025 at 11:59 PM ET.

Questions? Contact our team at events@inpha.org.