



Texas Association of City & County Health Officials

TACCHO Public Health Champion

Overview

TACCHO's Public Health Champion Award recognizes an outstanding advocate for public health who:

- ✓ Demonstrates extraordinary advocacy for the growth, success, and/or visibility of public health activities
- ✓ Works for an agency, an organization, or independently and is **not** currently employed by a local health department (LHD)
- ✓ Demonstrates continuous leadership in promoting the mission of public health
- ✓ Demonstrates actions that have improved the health and/or achievements of others

This award recognizes outstanding professional and public health accomplishments outside of the local level. The award also assures a perpetual capability for recognizing achievements while urging current enterprise and new efforts.

Award Instructions and Information

- ✓ Complete the nomination form by typing/printing legibly.
- ✓ Include as much information about the nominee as possible. Remember, the selection committee can only consider the information contained in this nomination.
- ✓ Nominees for this award **CANNOT** be an LHD staff member and are **NOT** required to be an active (dues-paying) TACCHO member
- ✓ Include supporting materials: letters of support, news articles or publications related to the nominee and/or their activities, photos of nominee and related activities, resume, and/or other pertinent information or data that supports the outstanding service of the nominee.
- ✓ Selection will be based solely on the information contained in the nomination.
 - Make sure you complete and submit all parts of the award nomination form.

Submission Deadline: February 15, 2026

Evaluation

Nomination review and scoring is performed by the ELT Awards Committee, which consists of ELT members, the Executive Director, and Local Health Department staff members. Scoring Criteria are based upon the quality of the application and achievement(s) described.

TACCHO
Award Nomination Form



Public Health Champion Award

Nominator Information

Name:

Agency:

Email:

Phone Number:

Nominee Information

Name of Person Being Nominated for the Award:

Title:

Agency/ Employer:

Email:

Phone Number:

Award Nomination Narrative:

Describe specific bodies of work, initiatives, or advocacy efforts that were performed that exemplify their commitment to public health (500 word limit).

TACCHO
Award Nomination Form



Describe the local, state, or national public health impact and/or outcomes that were a result of the nominee's work:

List any honors, awards, achievements, committee/organizational involvement, and volunteer commitments:

Supporting Materials

Please include supporting materials relevant to the award nomination. Examples include letters of support, news article or publications related to nominee and/or their activities, photos of nominee and related activities. (Acceptable file formats: Word, PDF, Excel, PowerPoint, Image, Audio, Video).

Attach supporting materials and return both the nomination form and supporting materials to:

sshaw@taccho.org

Email Subject Line: PH Champion

Due Date: February 15, 2026

Statement:

As the nominating sponsor, I verify that I am currently an employee of a local public health department/district/DSHS in Texas; and that the person I am nominating is also an employee of a local public health department/district/DSHS in Texas. If chosen, both the nominee and I will be present in person to receive the award at the annual conference.

Signature

Date