



# Texas Association of City & County Health Officials

## TACCHO's Rising Star Award

### Overview

TACCHO's Rising Star Award recognizes a public health professional early in their career within a Texas Local Health Department (LHD), District, or Department of State Health Services who:

- ✓ Has worked in public health for 5 years or less
- ✓ Demonstrates extraordinary performance and a consistent, high-quality work ethic
- ✓ Contributes to a measurable impact in their workplace and community
- ✓ Demonstrates leadership qualities and is an active contributor to team goals
- ✓ Routinely goes above and beyond expectations when completing tasks

### 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.
- ✓ Nominee must be a LHD staff member of an active (dues-paying) TACCHO member, who are in good standing with TACCHO
- ✓ 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.

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**Rising Star Award**

**Nominator Information**

Name:

Agency:

Email:

Phone Number:

**Nominee Information**

Name of Person Being Nominated for the Award:

Title:

Agency:

Email:

Phone Number:

Number of years in public health:

Position(s) held in public health:

**Award Nomination Narrative:**

Describe specific bodies of work, initiatives, or programs that were performed above and beyond standard job requirements that exemplify their work ethic and commitment to public health

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Describe the impact the nominee has had on their workplace and community:

Give examples of how the nominee displayed promising leadership qualities that contributed to team or organizational goals:

Please give a summary statement as to why the nominee is deserving of this award:

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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](mailto:sshaw@taccho.org)

Email Subject Line: President's Diamond Award

**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