



Texas Association of City & County Health Officials

TACCHO Public Health LEADER Award

Overview

The **Public Health LEADER Award** is presented annually to an outstanding employee within a Texas local public health department who has 5-15 years of public health experience and has demonstrated extraordinary performance with an exemplary commitment to local public health. As one of TACCHO's highest honors, this award is a means of expressing gratitude, recognition and encouragement of professional accomplishment in public health at the local level. This award assures a perpetual capability for recognizing achievements while urging current enterprise and new efforts.

Eligibility

This award is open only to active (dues-paying) members of TACCHO with 5-15 years of public health experience whose memberships are in good standing. If you are unsure of your membership status, contact Jennifer Smith at jsmith@taccho.org or call 512-809-7201. **All LHD staff are invited to submit a nomination to recognize the outstanding work in local public health by a LHD employee.**

General Instructions

For your nomination to be considered, please follow the instructions below:

- The successful LHD staff person will be staff of a current, active (dues paying) member of TACCHO.
- Nominations must be typed or printed legibly.
- Selection will be based solely on the information contained in the nomination.
- Include pertinent facts and figures.
- Include as much about the candidate as possible. Remember, achievements you consider may not be obvious to the selection committee.
- Recipient will be notified six weeks in advance and the award will be presented during the annual TACCHO Public Health Conference in January.

Evaluation

- The selection process is handled by the ELT Committee on Awards, which consists of the Executive Director and appointed members of the ELT and based on the quality of the application and achievement(s) described.
- Award recipients will be notified 6 weeks in advance and will be recognized at the annual TACCHO Public Health Conference

Submission Deadline: February 15, 2026



TACCHO Public Health LEADER Award Nomination Form

Leadership • Education • Advocacy • Development

Submission Deadline: February 15 at 5:00 PM

1. Name of Nominee/Health Agency/Other

2. Nominee Contact Information:

Name/Agency: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Phone#: _____ Email: _____

3. Name of Individual submitting the nominee for consideration: _____

LHD: _____

Phone#: _____ Email: _____

4. How long has the nominee worked in public health? _____

5. Describe how the nominee has displayed *leadership* in advocating for public health. Include examples of how they have worked to *Prevent* illness, *Promote* public health, and *Protect* their constituents.

6. Describe how the nominee has made a positive impact in their community on public health through *educational* efforts.

7. Please provide links or citations that show evidence of the nominee's *advocacy* for public health related issues. Attach additional examples of legislation, articles, websites, photos and videos.

8. Please describe *development* strategies the nominee has used to engage the public in the arena of public health.

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