

**Nomination Form  
2015 Disability Section Awards  
American Public Health Association**

**Nomination Instructions:**

In addition to this completed award nomination form, please provide a 1-page description of your nominee's contributions in addition to the nominee's curriculum vita or resume. Within your 1-page description, you may address the importance of the contributions, the quality of the work, and the originality of the contribution as an exemplar. Nominators do not need to be members of the Disability Section. See eligibility criteria for each award listed to determine the nominee's membership requirements associated with each particular award.

If you have questions about the nomination process please contact Adriane Griffen, APHA Disability Section Awards Committee Chair, by email at agriffen@aucd.org with the words "Awards Nomination" in the email subject line. **The deadline for nominations is 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. The winners will receive their awards at the 2015 APHA Annual Meeting in Chicago during the Disability Section Business and Awards Meeting in November.** Winners will be notified by mid-May 2015 and must provide a digital photograph in a .jpg or .tiff format and at least 300 dpi for the annual program.

**Nominee Information**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info for Nominee:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Nominee is an APHA Disability Section member \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If nominee is Disability Section Member, please provide APHA Membership Number

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**Nominator Information**

Name of nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator is an APHA Disability Section member \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Award for which person is being nominated (choose one by placing an “x” in the blank to the left of the award category):**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lifetime Achievement Award:** This award is presented to a person who, over the course of his or her career, has made a major contribution to the improvement of health and quality of life for people with disabilities through research, teaching, advocacy, or practice. Past award winners have been nationally and/or internationally recognized as major contributors to the disability and public health fields.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Nominees should include individuals who have dedicated their careers to making major contributions to the improvement of health and quality of life for people with disabilities through research, teaching, advocacy, or practice and who have been nationally and/or internationally recognized for their work.
- Nominees are not required to be members of the Disability Section of APHA.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Allan Meyers Award:** This award is named in memory of a prominent scholar in disability and public health and is presented to a person who has combined excellence across the areas of research, teaching, and advocacy to improve the health and quality of life for people with disabilities.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Nominees may be anyone in the field of disability and public health with distinguished service.
- Evidence documenting a nominee’s significant contribution across all three areas of research, teaching and advocacy to improve the health and quality of life for people with disabilities must be provided in the nomination statement.
- The nominee must be a member of the Disability Section of APHA.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Disability Section Student Member Award:** This award is presented to a student who has been engaged in work leading to a career in disability and public health. In that work, the student has demonstrated excellence in scholarship and leadership in independent projects that have advanced the health and quality of life for people with disabilities.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Nominees can be graduate students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship and leadership and have been engaged in work leading to a career in disability and public health.
- Nominees are not required to be members of the Disability Section of APHA, but must be a student at the time they are nominated. For example, graduating students are eligible as long as they are students at the time of the nomination.

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**New Investigator Award:** This award recognizes a new investigator who demonstrates evidence of a promising career in public health research in the area of health and wellness for people with disabilities.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The nominee must have been awarded his or her terminal degree within three to eight calendar years of the nomination.
- The nominee may be from an academic or non-governmental organization.
- Evidence documenting a nominee's successful development as a new investigator must be provided. This evidence must include a minimum of one peer-reviewed publication for which the nominee has taken a substantial role.
- The nominee must be a member of the Disability Section of APHA.

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**Advocacy Award:** This award is presented to a person who has demonstrated excellence in the area of advocacy to improve the health and quality of life for people with disabilities.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Any self-advocate or practitioner who has taken action to improve the health and quality of life of people with disabilities may be nominated.
- Advocacy may be defined as creating policy or programs that improve the quality of life of people with disabilities.
- Evidence of a nominee's significant contribution in the area of advocacy to improve the health and quality of life of people with disabilities must be provided in the nomination statement.
- The nominee does not have to be a member of the Disability Section of APHA at the time of nomination.