

North Carolina Health Equity Impact Awards

The **North Carolina Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NC OMHHD)** is accepting nominations for the **2017 North Carolina Health Equity Impact Awards**.

The North Carolina Health Equity Impact Awards seek to recognize individuals and organizations who have successfully implemented a systems-change approach to reduce health disparities and promote health equity. Nominations can be made for students, community members, organizations and health professionals that are making an impact in eliminating health disparities using health equity strategies, ideas and innovation.

Award Categories

Student Rising Star: Recognizes undergraduate, college-level students completing their junior or senior years that have demonstrated through their academic, personal and/or professional work their commitment to the elimination of health disparities and inequities.

Community Member: Honors and recognizes community members that have made a significant impact in their community by supporting, implementing, administering or managing health research, programs or practices to improve health equity and eliminate health disparities. A successful candidate must have demonstrated documentation of their work toward the advancement and achievement of health equity. This work must be focused on community health efforts promoting social justice and the elimination of health disparities.

Early Career Professional: Recognizes outstanding and promising contributions to the practice and profession of health education, health promotion and/or health communication. This recipient must have less than 10 years of documented professional experience.

Distinguished Career Professional: Recognizes outstanding contributions of professionals with 20 or more years of professional practice, whose accomplishments and tangible contributions have elevated the fields of health education, health promotion and/or health communication, and have made an impact on the practice of the profession.

Organizational Influence: Honors extraordinary organizations that have made significant advances in health education or health communications research, programs or practice to improve health equity and eliminate health disparities at the national, state, local or international levels. A successful candidate must have demonstrated documentation of their work toward the advancement and achievement of health equity. This work must also include health education and health communication promoting social justice and the elimination of health disparities.

Nomination Information Summary

- **Title:** Nomination of individual/organization for the NC Health Equity Impact Award and Category.
- **Nominee:** Name, title, address, telephone number and email address.
- **Nominator:** Name, title, address, telephone number and email address.

Description of the Nominee

- A short, clear and concise synopsis describing the individual's contribution, including its importance, impact, and the exact role of the nominee. **Not to exceed one (1) page.**
- A concise description of the specific area the accomplishment addresses, including a discussion of the development of the accomplishment, degree of innovation, impact on the public, originality, as well as the role of the nominee. **Not to exceed one (1) page.**

Documentation of Service

A summary of documentation to support the significance, value, originality, and impact of the nominee's contribution. This information may be presented in any format, including additional description, references, and citation upon the importance of the contribution and its suitability for the prize. **Not to exceed one (1) page.**

Supporting Materials

- Three (3) letters of support, including the nominator's, **not to exceed one (1) page each.** At least one support letter should be from someone outside of the nominee's organization.
- Resume/CV or a short biography of the nominee; **biography limited to one (1) page.**
- Recent journal articles or other publications/communications are optional.
- **Additional supplementary materials are not requested and will not be considered.**

Timing of Submission

To be considered for the **North Carolina Health Equity Impact Awards**, application forms must be fully completed on the following pages and submitted via email to: ncminorityhealth@dhhs.nc.gov by **11:59 p.m. EST on Tuesday, August 8, 2017.**

- Semifinalists will be contacted by NC OMMHD on or before August 15, 2017.
- Semifinalists are expected to attend the North Carolina Health Equity Impact Awards banquet on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at the Hilton Garden Inn Crabtree Valley (3912 Arrow Drive, Raleigh, N.C.) from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.