

# APHL 2016 ANNUAL AWARDS

## Nominations Form



**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS FEBRUARY 29.**  
Complete and return to Drew Gaskins at [membership@aphl.org](mailto:membership@aphl.org)

## 1. Nominee for award:

Name (include salutations, degrees):

Full Title/Position:

Organization:

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

## 2. Category of Nomination (choose one):

### Thomas E. Maxson Education, Training and Workforce Development Award

This award recognizes an APHL member who is a public health, environmental, agricultural or clinical laboratory scientist, practitioner, administrator, trainer or educator who may have:

- Made significant contributions to the advancement of workforce development and training in public health laboratory science and practice
- Worked to provide continuing education opportunities for the public health community
- A history of service with APHL committees, taskforces or workgroups that focused on workforce development, education, and/or training

The above are examples to help the nominators frame their response and are not intended to be an all-inclusive list of potential attributes that describe the successful nominee for this category.

**Eligible recipients:** members

**Instructions:** In the space provided, discuss the nominee's contributions to public health laboratory practice by creating, delivering or developing continuing education opportunities, programs, policies or practices for the laboratory community. Be as specific as possible, but do not exceed 500 words. **Please read the [additional instructions](#) listed at the end of this form. For a list of past award winners, click [here](#).**

## Gold Standard Award for Public Health Laboratory Excellence

The award is given to an APHL member (individual or laboratory) that makes or has made significant contributions to the technical advancement of public health laboratory science and/or practice. A potential candidate may have:

- Developed and/or implemented a new program
- Developed new laboratory methods
- Conducted innovative research
- Developed best technical practices
- Developed partnerships with the public and/or private sector

that resulted in significantly improved technology for application in public health, environmental or agricultural laboratories. Additional considerations include whether the candidate is considered an expert in their field, published in peer review journals, served on national committees, etc.

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**Eligible recipients:** members

**Instructions:** In the space provided, discuss the nominee's significant contributions to the advancement of public health laboratory science or practice. Be as specific as possible, but do not exceed 500 words. **Please read the [additional instructions](#) listed at the end of this form. For a list of past award winners, click [here](#).**

## On the Front Line Award

This award honors an individual or laboratory outside of the APHL membership that makes significant contributions to the advancement of public health laboratory science and/or practice. The award is appropriate for a variety of people or agencies and will recognize support provided to meet critical needs in public health laboratories; this award could potentially be given to public health program leaders, state health officials, or federal agencies who (for example):

- Are nationally recognized leaders in the field of public/environmental health
- Build consensus on emerging/challenging issues
- Have made significant contributions to the advancement of public/environmental health laboratory science/practice

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**Eligible recipients:** non-members

**Instructions:** In the space provided, discuss the nominee's significant contributions to APHL, its membership and mission. Be as specific as possible, but do not exceed 500 words. **Please read the [additional instructions](#) listed at the end of this form. For a list of past award winners, click [here](#).**

## Emerging Leader Award

This award honors a laboratorian whose leadership has been instrumental in one or more advances in laboratory science, practice, management, policy or education within five to ten years of working at a publicly-funded laboratory that conducts testing of public health significance. The advances should have potential resonance as a best practice, model policy, exemplary system, etc., beyond the originating laboratory. A potential candidate may have:

- Had a position of leadership within a public health, environmental or agricultural laboratory that led to advances in laboratory science, practice, management, policy, or education
- Participated in community, agency, or national committees/workgroups
- Had a critical role in identifying and addressing emerging issues in public health, environmental or agricultural laboratories

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**Eligible recipients:** members and employees of member laboratories

**Instructions:** In the space provided, discuss the nominee's significant contributions to the advancement of public health, laboratory science or practice, including examples of leadership qualities. Be as specific as possible, but do not exceed 500 words. **Please read the [additional instructions](#) listed at the end of this form. For a list of past award winners, click [here](#).**

## Silver Award

This award honors a laboratorian with 10 to 15 years of service in a Governmental public health laboratory (either public health or environmental/agricultural laboratory). The honoree:

- Will be recognized as a leader in public health laboratory science
- May have been instrumental in providing technical and public presentations and publications on laboratory science/policy
- May have developed/advocated for best practices in laboratory science
- Worked with APHL by serving on committees and or representing APHL at other meetings to advance public and environmental health
- Served in a leadership role on state agency or national committees or workgroups
- May have conducted or promoted research leading to advancements in laboratory science or public policy

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**Eligible recipients:** members and employees of member laboratories

**Instructions:** In the space provided, discuss the nominee's significant contributions to the advancement of public health laboratory science or practice. Be as specific as possible, but do not exceed 500 words. **Please read the [additional instructions](#) listed at the end of this form. For a list of past award winners, click [here](#).**

## Champion of the Public Health Laboratory Award

This award recognizes federal, state and local elected officials and executive branch employees who have recognized the importance of state and local governmental laboratories that perform testing of public health significance either through support of legislation or federal agency decisions. The work for which they are being nominated should have occurred within the past two years.

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**Eligible recipients:** members and non-members

**Instructions:** In the space provided, please describe the nominee's accomplishments using the points below as a guide. Be as specific as possible, but do not exceed 500 words. **Please read the [additional instructions](#) listed at the end of this form. For a list of past award winners, click [here](#).**

- Discuss the nominee's support of public health laboratories, specifically including all legislation (including amendments to legislation) or agency decision making that benefited or would benefit public health laboratories.
- Discuss the nominee's requests for APHL member involvement in Congressional hearings, agency deliberations or other opportunities for input on specific proposals that have benefited or would benefit public health laboratories.
- Provide examples of the nominee's leadership on specific topics that are critical to public health laboratory operations, and provide references to statements or other documents that demonstrate leadership.
- Include the complete name, degrees, address, email and phone number of both the nominee and the nominator.

## Healthiest Laboratory Award

The Healthiest Laboratory Award celebrates excellence in environmental stewardship and health promotion in both practice and policy. It recognizes APHL member laboratories demonstrating outstanding efforts to reduce their collective environmental impact and to promote health & wellness programs. Winners are chosen based solely on the scores received on the APHL Healthiest Laboratory Self-Assessment Checklist.

**Eligible:** member laboratories

**Instructions:** to be eligible to receive the Healthiest Laboratory Award, you must complete the online Assessment Checklist found [here](#). **Please read the [additional information](#) listed at the end of this form. For a list of past award winners, click [here](#).**

### **3.Nominated by:**

**\*\*In the case of more than three nominators, please submit additional documentation with your form and follow the format provided\*\***

#### **Nominator #1**

**Name (include salutations, degrees):**

**Full Title/Position:**

**Organization:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Fax:**

**Email:**

#### **Nominator #2**

**Name (include salutations, degrees):**

**Full Title/Position:**

**Organization:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Fax:**

**Email:**

**Nominator #3**

**Name (include salutations, degrees):**

**Full Title/Position:**

**Organization:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Fax:**

**Email:**

**4.I/We nominate the above person for the selected award because: *\*\*Please limit your submission to 500 words or less\*\****

Use the space provided to indicate why your nominee should receive the selected award.

**Supporting Statement:**

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**Supporting Statement (cont'd):**

# Additional Instructions

## **Silver Award**

### **Nomination Requirements**

- Nominees must be a member of APHL or an employee of a member laboratory.
- An individual may not be self-nominated.
- Members of the Membership and Recognition Committee and Board of Directors may be nominated or make nominations. Nominators and nominees shall not participate in deliberations for these awards.
- The Membership and Recognition Committee will review all nominations; its recommendation will be considered and decided upon by the Board of Directors.
- Nominations are judged solely on the material submitted.

### **Nomination Directions**

- Include the name, degrees, address, email, and phone number of the nominee.
- Include your complete name, address, email and phone number.

## **Gold Standard Award for Public Health Laboratory Excellence**

### **Nomination Requirements**

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### **Nomination Directions**

- Include the name, degrees, address, email, and phone number of the nominee.
- Include your complete name, address, email and phone number.
- The Membership & Recognition Committee welcomes the CV of the award nominee.

## **On The Front Line Award**

### **Nomination Requirements**

- Nominators must be a member of APHL.
- Nominees must not be a member of APHL.
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## **Emerging Leader Award**

### **Nomination Requirements**

- Nominators must be a member of APHL.
- Nominees must be a member of APHL or an employee of a member laboratory.
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## **Thomas E. Maxson Education, Training and Workforce Development Award**

### **Nomination Requirements**

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- Members of the Membership and Recognition Committee and Board of Directors may be nominated or make nominations. Nominators and nominees shall not participate in deliberations for these awards.
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## **Champion of the Public Health Laboratory Award**

### **Nomination Requirements**

- Nominators must be a member of APHL.
- Nominees may be key policy makers or those who have recently left public service.
- Nominees must have demonstrated their commitment to public health laboratories by advancing legislation or agency decision making with the specific goal of improving public health laboratory operations.
- Nominees must have a record of collaboration with APHL and its members.
- The Membership and Recognition Committee and the Director of Public Policy will review all nominations; its recommendation will be considered and decided upon by the Board of Directors.
- Nominations are judged solely on the material submitted.

### **Nomination Directions**

- Please describe the nominee's accomplishments, using the points below as a guide.
  - o Discuss the nominee's support of public health laboratories, specifically including all legislation (including amendments to legislation) or agency decision making that benefited or would benefit public health laboratories.
  - o Discuss the nominee's requests for APHL member involvement in Congressional hearings, agency deliberations or other opportunities for input on specific proposals that have benefited or would benefit public health laboratories.
  - o Provide examples of the nominee's leadership on specific topics that are critical to public health laboratory operations, and provide references to statements or other documents that demonstrate leadership.
  - o Include the complete name, address, email and phone number of both the nominee and the nominator.
- Be as specific as possible, but do not exceed 500 words.
- Bullet points are acceptable.
- The committee cannot consider any qualification or achievement that is not included in the nomination materials.

## **Healthiest Laboratory Award**

### **Selection Process**

All APHL member laboratories are encouraged to complete the Healthiest Laboratory Self-Assessment Checklist. However, laboratories are only eligible to receive the Healthiest Laboratory Award **once every three years**. Winners are chosen based solely on the scores received on the APHL Healthiest Laboratory Self-Assessment [Checklist](#).

### **Nomination Directions**

The Healthiest Laboratory Initiative Self-Assessment Checklist was developed as an evaluation tool to assess environmental responsibility and healthy workplace practices within member laboratories. The measures were chosen based on their ability to improve the environment and personal health promotion within the laboratory; as well as, ease of implementation and relative low cost for laboratories. The self-assessment fields include three main areas of focus within the laboratory framework: health promotion, environmental sustainability and policy implementation.

### **General Nomination Rules**

- Current board members are not eligible to receive an award
  - o This does not apply to the Healthiest Laboratory Award
- APHL staff are not eligible to nominate or receive an award

## **Past Award Winners**

For a full list of past award winners please visit the [awards page](#) on APHL's website.