



## Health Leader of the Year Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS

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The Commissioned Officers Association (COA) of the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Health Leader of the Year Award was established in 1987 to recognize individuals who have made notable contributions to the health of the Nation. Contributions may be in research, administration, service delivery, or some other area of public health.

### Eligibility

- In general, nominee considered will include those who have been in public health practice for more than 15 years.
- Membership in COA is not a requirement for nomination; however, consideration will be given to the nominee's knowledge and support of the USPHS Commissioned Corps.

### Nomination Criteria

Nominations are encouraged from all agencies (HHS and non-HHS) and shall describe how the candidate has met one or more of the following criteria:

- **Scientific achievement and/or clinical research** – Achievements and /or research resulting in a significant advancement for human health, including but not limited to: health promotion, nutrition, disease eradication, advances in diagnosis or treatment of illness, injury prevention, health policy, and advances in the acquisition and/or utilization of information significantly impacting the human condition.
- **Administration** – Conceiving and/or implementing a program of action that goes well beyond ordinary employment expectations and thereby significantly impacts public health in the United States.
- **Career** – Outstanding service, sustained contributions and productivity, over a career of noteworthy contributions to an organization or system.
- **Singular Action** – A singular noteworthy act of heroism, valor, or an extraordinary one-time contribution to public health of such prominence to receive national recognition.

Consideration for nomination may be made on the basis of recent work or work done over time.

### Nomination Package Instructions

A complete nomination package includes a nomination form and narrative. We strongly encourage submission of the following:

- Nomination Form
- Narrative Statement
  - The narrative should clearly describe how the nominee meets the criteria for this award.
  - If applicable, include background to provide perspective on the nominee's career/contributions.
  - Use 12-point Times New Roman font and one-inch margins.

- Limit narrative to no more than two pages.
- Do **not** submit the nominee's CV or resume.
- Once the nomination packet has been received, the nominator will be sent a confirmation email.

### **Nomination Submission**

- Nominations are due via email by 5PM ET on December 31, 2019.
- Submit the nomination form and narrative as one document in an Adobe PDF file. If electronic submission is not possible, please contact the COA Awards Committee Chair to make alternate arrangements.
- Nomination packets are to be submitted electronically to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2W9G6XX>.

### **Selection of Award**

The COA Health Leader of the Year Award is a prestigious award that will only be awarded in the event a highly qualified recipient is identified.

- The COA Awards Committee shall meet each year to consider candidates for the award.
- The COA Awards Committee shall review nominations either during a Committee meeting or provide their recommendations electronically.
- The Awards Committee Chair shall forward to the full COA Board of Directors the Committee's recommendation for the recipient of COA Health Leader of the Year for approval. The Awards Committee's report shall include a list of all nominees along with a brief summary supporting the Awards Committee's recommendation.
- Once the awardee is approved, the awardee and nominator will be notified.
- The award will be presented at the annual USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium.

Questions regarding the nomination process should be directed to the Awards Committee Chair, LCDR Kristie Purdy at [Kristie.Purdy@gmail.com](mailto:Kristie.Purdy@gmail.com).