



Dr. Robert Synovitz Emerging Professional Award

Description of the Award: The Dr. Robert Synovitz Emerging Professional Award acknowledges new professionals as promising future leaders in the field of school health. The Emerging Professional Award shall be granted to two individuals (one individual in a school health practitioner setting and the other in an academia setting) who positively impact youth within the K-12 school setting. Award winners will be recognized at the annual ASHA conference and have the option to be admitted to ASHA's Future Leaders Academy (FLA).

Criteria:

- Demonstrates new professional status with no more than 6 years of school health experience from completion of their last degree.
- Has current ASHA membership and demonstrated active membership in ASHA for at least 2 non-consecutive years.
- Works within the K-12, academia setting with a specific focus on school health.
- Demonstrates he/she is a caring new professional who positively influences the next generation.
- Demonstrates promising future leadership abilities in the school health profession.
- Provides evidence of developing service skills in the school health profession allowing for continuous growth.
- Has developed innovative approaches to addressing school health issues.

Nominee Packet should include:

- A nomination letter from a current ASHA member describing how the individual embodies the award criteria.
- A current resume or CV from the nominee.
- A professional statement from the nominee describing why he or she is an emerging professional and how they demonstrate the award criteria. The professional statement should be no more than 2 pages.
- Supplemental materials providing evidence of meeting the award criteria. Supplemental materials should be no more than 5 pages.
- Documentation for this award should be submitted to Ashley Dowling, adowling@ashaweb.org by the close of business on **May 3, 2017**.

Note: The documentation of highly ranked candidates shall be kept and reviewed by the Leadership and Recognition Committee for up to two years, as long as the nominee is not exceeding the 6-year experience criteria.