



Dr. Robert Synovitz Emerging Professional Award

Description

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).

Award Criteria

- Nominee demonstrates new professional status with no more than 6 years of experience from completion of their last degree.
- Nominee has current ASHA membership and demonstrated active membership in ASHA for at least two years.
- Nominee works within the K-12 or higher education settings with a specific focus on school health.
- Nominee demonstrates they are a caring new professional who positively influences the next generation of leaders.
- Nominee demonstrates promising future leadership abilities in the school health profession.
- Nominee provides evidence of developing service skills in the school health profession allowing for continuous growth and professional development.
- Nominee has developed innovative approaches to addressing school health issues.

Nominee Packet

When submitting a nomination, please include the following:

- A nomination letter from a current ASHA member describing how the individual embodies the award criteria.
- A current resume or curriculum vitae from the nominee.
- A professional statement from the nominee describing why they are an emerging professional and how they demonstrate the award criteria. The professional statement should be no more than two pages.
- Optional: Additional supplemental materials providing evidence of meeting the award criteria. Supplemental materials should be no more than five pages.

The nominee packet must be submitted by 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time on the deadline date.

Note: Documentation of highly ranked nominees is reviewed by the Leadership and Recognition Committee for up to three years, provided the nominee does not exceed the six-year experience criterion. Candidates will be notified of subsequent reviews and will have the opportunity to accept or withdraw from consideration. Nomination packets must be updated yearly for continued consideration.