



William A. Howe Award

No man who unselfishly serves the health and happiness of the children of America is a fool.
– Dr. William A. Howe

Description

The William A. Howe Award, named in memory of ASHA's founder and first president, is the highest award conferred by the Association. Dr. Howe was described as an evangelist, a social-minded medical practitioner who believed that every child should be healthy. He was a strong advocate of all facets of school health; where "in and out of the medical profession, his voice could not be stilled."

Ordinarily, only one person will receive the William A. Howe Award each year and the award shall not be limited to members of ASHA and is bestowed based on significant evidence of a life-long commitment of transforming schools to a place where all students learn and thrive. The Howe Award acknowledges an individual's or organization's outstanding professional contributions paralleling the aims and objectives of ASHA.

Award Criteria

- Nominee demonstrates significant and sustained career accomplishments and contributions in the field of school health leading to increased knowledge, advocacy, programing, research, recognition, etc.
- Nominee demonstrates outstanding professional contributions paralleling the aims, objectives, and [Core Beliefs](#) of ASHA.

Nominee Packet

When submitting a nomination, please include the following:

- A cover letter from the nominator describing the nominee's significant and sustained career accomplishments and contributions to school health that supports ASHA's objectives and Core Beliefs.
- Documentation in the form of a resume or curriculum vitae from the nominee.

Due to the prominence of this award, the nominee documentation and cover letter should carefully reflect:

- Facilitation of collaborations with community groups, coalitions, agencies, etc. in order to enhance the health of school-age children.
- Development of innovative programs, theories, or research agendas that led to services to enhance the health of school-age children.
- Promotion of programs that resulted in systemic changes in improving the health of school-age children.
- Work to bring local, state, national, or international attention to the health needs of school-age children.
- Participation in activities tied to [ASHA's strategic framework](#).
- Evidence of a life-long career commitment of inspiring others in transforming schools to a place where students learn and thrive.
- Any other significant contributions to the field of school health.

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. 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.