

RICHARD R. DIDERIKSEN PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

PHILOSOPHY:

Richard R. Dideriksen, through his individual or group efforts, has played an integral role in designing, developing, and delivering quality educational programs. Through his ingenuity, resourcefulness, and professionalism he has helped develop and implement public health education activities that have contributed to the public health practice. Outstanding persons of the public health practice such as Richard should receive public recognition for their exemplary contribution to public health.

AWARD DESCRIPTION:

This award will be given to a health professional of a local health department or district, or state agency of North Carolina, who has made significant contributions in the design, development, and implementation of programs that enhance and improve the public health practice. This award will be presented annually at the Spring Business Meeting of the NCEHSA. This award is financially supported by membership fees of the NCEHSA.

CRITERIA:

- Demonstrates teaching ability that enhances and improves public health practice.
- Demonstrates the ability to design and/or organize programs that enhance and improve public health practice.
- Demonstrates the desire and ability to provide leadership for the improvement of public health practice.
- Demonstrates creativity, innovation, and leadership within their agency and the public health field.
- Promotes activities that have made an impact or significant influence on existing public health programs or services.
- Contributes to public health at the local, state, and national level.
- Contributes to continuing education at the local, state, and national level.
- Demonstrates a positive image at the local, state, or national level by participation, leadership, or committee.
- Engages in a positive working relationship with students, administrators, colleagues, and departments of local and state public health agencies.
- Encourages personal development in the public health field.

NOMINATING RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Nominations

Nominations must be received by March 1.

B. Eligibility

To be eligible for the Richard R. Dideriksen Award, a nominee must:

1. Be an actively engaged health professional of a local health department or district, or state agency of North Carolina, and;
2. Have made significant contributions in the design, development, and implementation of programs that enhance and improve the public health practices, and;
3. Have performed professional duties in the field of public health above and beyond the usual employment requirements, and;
4. Exemplify the characteristics, principles, and professional integrity for which Richard Dideriksen stood, and;
5. Not be an incumbent of the Dideriksen Award Committee, and;
6. Must not have been a past recipient of the award.

C. Nomination Document

1. The following format is to be used for submission of nomination:

a. General

Letter from nominating person(s) making the formal nomination;
Biographical information regarding the nominee.

b. Education

List formal education as well as special training and experience.

c. Employment History

Record of places of employment, including scope of responsibilities.

d. Professional Association Activity

Organizational affiliations, detailing offices and committee responsibilities.

e. Contribution to the Betterment and Practice of Public Health

Contributions worthy of interest that are to the betterment of public health. These can include: publications authored or co-authored by the candidate; significant scientific or applied research; accomplishments in the development or implementation of new, broader or improved concepts, procedures or techniques in the practice of public health.

f. Other

Significant contributions to the professional status of public health not covered in other categories above. Such contributions might include civic or school activities or affiliations.

g. References

Inclusion of letters of reference or endorsement, copies of publication (or proper reference to source) and other significant support documents.

2. A Special Note

Those who prepare a document in support of a nomination should keep in mind a number of factors.

- a. The committee, when making the decision as to who will receive the award, is usually limited to the contents of the support documents as its sole source of information.
- b. It takes a carefully prepared and complete document to effectively portray a positive image of the nominee. It can reflect how he or she is viewed by colleagues.
- c. Weight and volume by itself is not necessarily persuasive.

RICHARD R. DIDERIKSEN AWARD DESCRIPTION

The award shall consist of a permanent walnut plaque bearing a bronze bas relief of Richard's face, and individual bronze name plates. The recipient of this annual award will have their name engraved on one of these bronze name plates and will receive a "Richard R. Dideriksen Award Plaque." The permanent award plaque will be displayed in a "place of honor" in the Environmental Health Section, Division of Environment and Natural Resources. The individual award plaque will remain with the recipient.

RICHARD R. DIDERIKSEN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Name:

Title of Nominee:

Current Place of Employment
With Address of Nominee:

Public Health Experience
(Dates in Time of Years):

History of Employment:

Education:

Organizational Affiliation:

(a) Professional

(b) Community

(c) Personal Interests

(d) Offices Held

(e) Appointments, Important Boards, Commissions, Committees, etc.

(f) Previous Awards

(g) List Contributions Promoting Professional Development of Public Health Professionals

Nomination Support Narratives:

Three narrative letters (from an individual or a group stating the reason(s) why the individual is being nominated and is deserving of this award.

Name or Group of Person(s) Submitting Nomination:

(a) Address

(b) Phone #