

ASTHO 2019 Ed Thompson Lifetime Achievement Medal for Sustained Leadership in Public Health

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The *Ed Thompson Lifetime Achievement Medal for Sustained Leadership in Public Health* was established in 2013 to honor the late F.E. "Ed" Thompson, a former Mississippi state health official affectionately called the "medical statesman." Dr. Thompson's distinguished career spanned three decades during which he served in leadership roles in multiple levels of government and worked in academia to prepare a new generation of future public health leaders. Dr. Thompson served as president of ASTHO in 1999 and was the Mississippi state health official from 1993 to 2002 and again from 2007 to 2009. Dr. Thompson was an ambassador to the field and dedicated his career to promoting the value and impact of public health. The Ed Thompson award is one of the highest honors bestowed by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). The Ed Thompson medal acknowledges the lifetime achievement of a national public health leader whose career marks an important legacy in the advancement of public health for the nation.

Criteria

ASTHO members and agency staff, alumni, and affiliate organizations are eligible to nominate an individual as a candidate for the Ed Thompson Lifetime Achievement Medal. The ideal traits that will be considered are:

- A national public health leader with a sustained career promoting public health, inspiring a new generation of public health leaders and working in different facets of public health
- Special consideration will be given to nominees with over 20 years of dedicated service to the field of public health.

This award is not presented annually but given in recognition of an extraordinary public health career.

Nomination Process

The nominator is responsible for submitting a complete nomination packet. The nomination packet should include:

- A completed nomination form or video submission
- The nominee's current bio or detailed resume

Letters of support are optional; there is no limit to the number of letters. All letters must be received by the deadline.

Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

Nominations must be received **no later than Friday, May 31**. Submit your nomination for this award to executiveoffice@astho.org.

Selection Process and Awards Ceremony

- The Nominations-Awards-Membership Committee will review all nominations and select the award winner.
- Announcement of the award winner will be published in ASTHO's *Public Health Weekly* and *Pulse* newsletters.
- The award will be presented at the 2019 ASTHO Annual Meeting, Sept. 23-26 in Bethesda, MD.
- The recipient will receive roundtrip economy airfare, one night's lodging and complimentary one (1) day meeting registration.

Questions or requests for additional information can be directed to ASTHO's Executive Office at executiveoffice@astho.org.