



Healthy Kentucky Policy Champion Award

The Healthy Kentucky Policy Champion Award recognizes individuals and organizations that are making the people in their communities and/or the entire Commonwealth healthier.

Honorees receive a framed certificate, and will be publicly recognized by a Foundation official. Honorees also are eligible to be named the Healthy Kentucky Policy Champion of the Year. This winner is announced at the annual [Howard L. Bost Memorial Health Policy Forum](#) and the Foundation makes a \$5,000 cash award in their name to a Kentucky-based 501(c)(3) organization of their choice that is working to advance health policy in the Commonwealth.

Nominee Minimum Qualifications:

- An Individual or organization residing or working in Kentucky
- Nonprofit, for-profit, education or government
- Those not eligible for awards include campaigns for political office, religious organizations for religious purposes, and organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, gender, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, disability, military or marital status in hiring
- Has not received the Healthy Kentucky Policy Champion award for the prior two years

Award Criteria:

- The nominee has advanced policy – private corporate or institutional policy, or local or statewide law – or work that will lead to policy change, that is or would be instrumental to achieving improvement in community or statewide health in Kentucky.
- Either the quantified health improvement(s) already has been achieved, or the work is reasonably expected to generate future health benefits.
- The policy focuses on one or more of the following:
 - one or more specific health issues
 - access to health care
 - health equity for public health
 - adding a health perspective to a non-health policy

Nomination Requirements:

- Name of nominator
- Complete contact information
 1. Name
 2. Address
 3. Organization affiliation (if relevant), and website URL
 4. Phone
 5. Any social media handles and links (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, etc.)

- Biography or organization description, not to exceed 300 words.
- Summary of contributions, not to exceed two pages, describing and, where possible, quantifying:
 1. The issue addressed
 2. The policy change
 3. The results to date and/or any expected measurable future benefits, direct and tangential
- Two letters of endorsement, at least one from an individual who is not directly affiliated with the nominee (e.g., someone who is not from same organization as the nominee, although this endorsement can come from a beneficiary or project partner), and at least one from a member of the Foundation's Board or Community Advisory Council.
- Up to five additional pages of background information, including news stories, photographs, research, or additional endorsements. Links to additional information are permitted, although all required information must be included on the official nomination form.

Additional Information:

- The nomination form is on the Foundation's website, along with a phone number or email to contact to receive a printed nomination form, which can be mailed to the Foundation.
- Nominations are accepted at any time during the year.
- All nominations are reviewed, and winners are chosen by a team of Foundation staff and selected Community Advisory Council members.
- Up to two honorees may be selected monthly.
- Honorees are notified as soon as practicable by phone call, followed by a letter. Awards subsequently are presented in-person by the Foundation's president and CEO, and/or by a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors or Community Advisory Council.
- All award honorees from the 12-month period prior to the Howard L. Bost Memorial Health Policy Forum are eligible to be selected as the Healthy Kentucky Policy Champion of the Year.
- All award honorees are invited to attend the Howard L. Bost Memorial Health Policy Forum, where they are publicly recognized, and the Healthy Kentucky Policy Champion of the Year honoree is announced.
- Nominees authorize the Foundation to release any information included in their nomination materials to the public for publicity purposes.

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