



Achievement Awards Program

ASHCA acknowledges achievements in agricultural safety and health by honoring outstanding leaders who have made significant contributions to the advancement of worker health and safety. The awardees represent individuals and organizations having a positive impact on the culture of safety in agriculture.

Process

Individuals and companies/organizations are invited to nominate individuals, collaborations, groups, or organizations they feel are deserving of recognition. Applications, in the form of nominations, must include a detailed description of the nominee's contribution to agricultural safety and health. Self-nominees will not be accepted.

Deadline Nominations for the 2019 ASHCA Summit awards are being accepted through **November 13, 2019**.

Categories of Awards

1. **Farm/Ranch owner** – individual whose farm operation has excelled at adopting safe and health practices that benefit workers and their families.
2. **Collaborating leaders**—a team comprised of individuals from several entities that are working together to further specific goals and objectives for safe and healthy working conditions in agriculture.
3. **Safety and health researcher** –Individual or organization whose research discoveries lessened the burden of disease/injury in the agricultural workforce by moving research findings into practice.
4. **Educator or health care provider** – Individual or organization whose education, outreach or clinical practice improved knowledge, safety/health practices, or overall well-being within the agricultural workforce.
5. **Agribusiness** – a for-profit enterprise that demonstrates its commitment to agricultural safety and health through adoption of safety policies and corporate social responsibility endeavors (e.g. educational resources dissemination, financial support of safety programs).
6. **Agricultural organization** – Commodity group that sets high standards for agricultural worker safety and health and facilitates the adoption of safety interventions for its members.
7. **Ingenuity achievement** – An entrepreneur whose landmark discovery, safety intervention or unique approach has the future potential to substantially improve safety and health of agricultural workers and their families.

8. **Policy maker/ legislator** - An individual who through his/her elected office position has influenced policy at the national or state level to improve safety and health of agricultural workers and their families.
9. **Lifetime achievement** – An individual who has made a substantial contribution to occupational safety and health in agriculture through actions and advocacy over an extended period of time.

Nomination Process

Nominators are to submit an application nominating an individual or organization. As part of the nomination process, nominators will describe the achievements or contributions this member has made to agricultural safety and health.

The nomination process:

1. A nomination form will be completed and submitted by an individual/organization.
2. A letter or nomination describing the achievements or contributions of nominee (700 words or less).
3. If a nominee is selected, his/her organization (nominator) may participate on the committee that is planning the recognition activity at the Summit.
4. Individual/organizations/businesses selected for award will be notified of the honor, the next steps in the process, events dates, and expectations of recipients three months in advance of event. (December 4, 2019)
5. A proposed recipient may decline the award but is requested to personally inform the nominators of his/her decision to decline.
6. If an individual is not selected in the first year of being nominated, the nomination file will be held in the selection pool for the next two years and nominators will have an opportunity to update nomination materials.

Selection Process

Once the nomination period has closed, a selection committee of experts and leaders in the field will review all nominations and select up to eight recipients from the above categories to receive an award; with no more than one recipient for each category.

Prizes

- Recipients will receive complimentary registration to the ASHCA 2020 Summit.
- One recipient will receive the WCF "Collaboration in Research to Practice" award and \$2500 cash prize.
- Annually, one recipient will receive the "Lifetime Achievement" award
- All recipients will receive an award recognition gift.

Events and Awards

An awards luncheon will be convened to bestow these awards during the ASHCA annual Summit (next is March 19, 2020). Award recipients and their guests will be the VIPs of the event which serve to tell the story of his/her/organizational achievements in agricultural safety and health. Biographical sketches and key achievements of recipients will be featured in the Summit print program and on the ASHCA website.

See www.ashca.org for the nomination form and additional information.

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