

Promoting the Health of the Public Achievement Award

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Application Instructions

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Award Categories

- **Youth Award** – an individual or group, 18 years or younger at the time of nomination
- **Individual Award** – an individual, 19 years or older at time of nomination
- **Community Group Award** – an individual group, 19 years or older (community coalitions, partnerships, or organizations)

Selection Criteria

All applications should address and will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- **Leadership** - Nominee has demonstrated leadership abilities through work and service.
- **Public Health Contributions** - Nominee demonstrates originality and innovation in creating solutions to public health problems and has contributed to advancing improvements in the health status of the community through work and service.
- **Collaboration** - Nominee promotes collaboration and cooperation among individuals, organizations, and agencies.
- **Advocacy** – Nominee has been involved in preventing disease and disability, promoting health and healthy behaviors, and/or protecting the health and safety of county residents.
- **Role Model** - Nominee is respected by peers and is a positive role model for others.
- **Evidence of Impact** - The activities of the nominee have contributed to a successful outcome in terms of changes in the community.
- **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion** – is demonstrated in some way through the fair and respectful treatment of all people.

Nomination Instructions

- **A nomination form must be completed** by an individual or group. Individuals or groups may submit more than one nomination or nominate themselves.
- **Applications must address the selection criteria** in no more than two typewritten, double-spaced pages.
- **Two attachments may accompany the nomination form** (reference letters, newspaper articles, etc.). Photographs that show individual/group involvement/achievements are encouraged.
- Nominations and attachments become the property of the Dakota County Public Health Department.
- **Nominations must be submitted by no later than Friday, March 13, 2026 to:**
Colleen Hardy, Dakota County Public Health Department
1 Mendota Rd. W., Ste 410, West St. Paul, MN 55118
Email: colleen.hardy@co.dakota.mn.us
Phone: 651-554-6291, Fax: 651-554-6130

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Send nomination form and typewritten evaluation criteria by email, fax, or mail no later than **Friday, March 13, 2026** to:

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Information about Individual or Group Being Nominated

Award Category: (check one)

Youth* (18 and under) **Individual** (19 and older) **Community Group**

Individual or Organization Name: _____

*If nominating in the Youth category,
please indicate school & grade: _____

Contact Person (nominated by): _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

**Contact Information of person
being nominated:(Name)** _____

Address/City/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Summarize in no more than two typewritten, double-spaced pages why the nominee deserves to be recognized publicly for their achievements and accomplishments that have contributed to the public health mission of bringing people together to create a healthy future for all residents in Dakota County. You may address personal, professional and/or policy and program accomplishments. Please refer to the selection criteria when you complete your nomination.