

6TH ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA Health Equity Summit Champion Awards

Call for Nominations

The Alliance for a Healthier South Carolina is excited to announce the launch of the **Health Equity Champion Award Program**. The awards will celebrate and honor individuals, institutions, or initiatives that have made significant strides in reducing disparities in healthcare access, outcomes, and overall well-being. It underscores the importance of achieving equitable health outcomes for all, regardless of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, age, or other factors.

AWARDS

The Health Equity Circle of Champions Award (For Individuals)

The Health Equity Circle of Champions Award is a distinguished recognition that honors and celebrates individuals who serve as beacons of inspiration in the pursuit of health equity. Recipients of this award have exhibited exceptional leadership qualities, driving positive change, fostering inclusivity, and contributing to the development of innovative solutions that address the root causes of health disparities. By recognizing and highlighting their achievements, the award aims to inspire others to follow in their footsteps, creating a ripple effect that advances the collective mission of achieving health equity for all.

The Vince Ford Health Equity Award (For Organizations)

The Vince Ford Health Equity Award is a distinguished recognition presented to state and local organizations that have demonstrated outstanding commitment and innovation in advancing health equity. This award celebrates entities that have implemented groundbreaking initiatives, programs, or strategies to address health disparities. Award recipients serve as inspiration for how creativity and collaboration can be utilized to address systemic challenges and promote equitable health for all.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Nominees for this award can include healthcare professionals, community leaders, non-profit organizations, government agencies, research institutions, or any entity that has made a remarkable impact on health equity. Candidates will be evaluated and selected based on the following criteria:

- **Demonstrated Commitment and Passion to Health Equity:** The nomination should convey the nominee's commitment and passion to the cause of health equity through their actions, initiatives, and advocacy efforts.
- **Innovative Approaches:** The nomination should highlight innovative and effective strategies or programs that the nominee has developed or been involved in to tackle health disparities.
- **Community Engagement:** The nominee should demonstrate active engagement with the communities they serve to address health disparities.
- **Leadership and Collaboration:** The nominee must exhibit strong leadership skills in the field of health equity demonstrating their ability to collaborate with diverse stakeholders to drive change.

SELECTION PROCESS

The award selection process involves a panel of experts in the field of public health, healthcare, or social justice. Nominations are carefully reviewed, and finalists are selected based on the strength of their contributions, the effectiveness of their initiatives, and their dedication to reducing health disparities.

AWARD PRESENTATION

The Healthy Equity Champions Awards will be presented at the **6th Annual South Carolina Health Equity Summit** on **Friday, April 12th** at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Columbia.

Please read the criteria and complete the nomination form [here](#) no later than **Thursday, February 29th**.
Questions about the award can be submitted alliance@healthierc.org.

