



March 1, 2024

Dear Public Health Professional:

Each year, NC SOPHE recognizes outstanding and significant contributions made in the Health Education profession.

The Awards Committee welcomes you to submit nominations for any of the five awards that have been established by NC SOPHE. The five award categories, which are fully described in the nomination packet, are the:

- **Grace Daniel Promising New Health Educator Award**
- **Outstanding Health Educator Award**
- **Kathy Kerr Outstanding Health Education Project Award**
- **Student Recognition Award**
- **NC SOPHE All Star Member Distinction Award***

Please take the time to recognize deserving health educators who have made a positive impact in our field. Enclosed you will find the nomination packet and details explaining how to nominate a person or project for the awards listed above.

In addition to the award, recipients will receive:

1. A one-year NC SOPHE membership
2. Recognition by NC SOPHE via social media, newsletter and website
3. Support in completing SOPHE awards, scholarships and fellowships if requested

<https://www.sophe.org/about/awards-fellowships-scholarships/>

The deadline is **September 10th**. Nomination packets received after this date or are incomplete will not be considered. Awards are presented at the NC SOPHE Annual Meeting. If you have any questions, you may contact:

Rose Haddock or Dr. Leigh Lane
Awards Committee Co-Chairs
E-mail: northcarolinasopheawards@gmail.com

Cordially,

The NC SOPHE Awards Committee



Nomination Directions

Follow the directions for a successful nomination submission.

Provide one (1) completed nomination packet for each award nomination.

The packet must include the following items and be submitted **online** for consideration:

1. A sample nomination form follows these directions. Complete the online version of the form, which can be found on the [NCSOPHE website](#) Awards/Scholarships tab.

2. Create one pdf file to submit through the online nomination form that consists of:

a. One (1) page nomination narrative.

This narrative should include a concise statement of the reason(s) why the individual and/or project should be considered for an award, with emphasis on accomplishments and outcomes as described in the award criteria.

b. One (1) nomination support letter

For Projects Only: Two (2) attachments demonstrating the project (i.e. media clip, photo, news release, etc.)

The nomination deadline is **September 10**.



Nomination Form

**This form will be completed and submitted online.*

1. Type of nomination: *(check one)*

- Grace Daniel Promising New Health Educator Award
- Outstanding Health Educator Award
- Kathy Kerr Outstanding Health Education Project Award
- Student Recognition Award
- NC SOPHE All Star Distinct Member Award (*nomination is made by NC SOPHE past-President)

2. Full Name of Nominee or *Project Name*

Mailing Address

Phone

Email

3. Select

- A. Nominee’s educational background (College Degree, Major, Graduation Year):
- B. *Project coordinator’s name, phone and email*

4. Select

- A. Nominee’s work experience (Agency, Title, Number of Years Worked):
- B. *Project location*

5. Is the nominee an active NC SOPHE member? *(check only one)*

Yes No Unknown Not applicable

6. If applicable, How long has the nominee been an active member of NC SOPHE? _____

7. Which NC SOPHE committee would be a good fit for the nominee?

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| Advocacy | Awards | Bylaws |
| Continuing Education | Finance | Nominating |
| Program | Public Relation | |

8. Full Name of person making nomination:

Title/Position

Organization

Address

Telephone

E-Mail



Grace Daniel Promising New Health Educator Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize a new health educator in North Carolina who has made outstanding contributions to the profession. This award was established as a tribute to the late Grace Daniel, former Chief of the Office of Health Education with the North Carolina Division of Health Services.

The **Promising New Health Educator Award** may be presented annually as determined by the Awards Committee when a nominee meets the following minimum criteria:

- The nominee must be a resident of North Carolina.
- The nominee is serving in the role of a professional health educator.
- The person being nominated has practiced health education for five (5) years or less.
- The contribution(s) must demonstrate innovation and significance to the health education profession clearly describing the **impact** of health education on a **program, project, or community**.
- The nominee must have demonstrated commitment to the profession of Health Education and to the Profession-wide Code of Ethics for Health Education.



Outstanding Health Educator Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize a professional health educator in North Carolina who has made outstanding and long-lasting contributions to the profession of health education.

The **Outstanding Health Educator Award** may be presented annually as determined by the Awards Committee when a nominee meets the following minimum criteria:

- The nominee must be a resident of North Carolina.
- The nominee must have more than five (5) years of health education practice in North Carolina.
- The nominee must have made a significant (noticeable) impact in the field of Health Education in North Carolina that is both unique and outstanding in scope.
- The nominee must have demonstrated professional maturity as a role model for current and new health educators.
- The nominee must have received widespread recognition by the health education professional community with one recognition occurring in the last five years. One or more contributions cited must have occurred in the last five (5) years.
- The nominee must have demonstrated commitment by the individual to the profession of Health Education and the Profession-wide Code of Ethics for Health Education.
- The nominee must have demonstrated commitment to the profession through involvement in SOPHE (NC SOPHE) or the American Public Health Association (NCPHA).
- The nominee must possess a current certification. Certified in Public Health (CPH) through the National Board of Public Health Examiners or entry-level certification for Health Education Specialist (CHES) or advanced-level, Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES) through the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing.



Kathy Kerr Outstanding Health Education Project Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize organizations in North Carolina which have sponsored outstanding projects in health education. This award honors the late Kathy Kerr, former NC SOPHE Member and Project Award Recipient.

The **Outstanding Health Education Project Award** may be presented annually, but only when the Awards Committee receives a meritorious nomination.

The criteria for the award are as follows:

- The project cited must have made a significant impact in the field of health education in North Carolina.
- The project cited should have demonstrated outcomes, which are both unique and outstanding in scope.
- Achievements made by the project should have received widespread recognition within the healthcare profession and the community. One or more achievements cited must have occurred within the last five (5) years.
- The project organization and staff must have demonstrated commitment to excellence in the practice of health education.
- The project demonstrates commitment by the individual to the profession of Health Education and the Profession-wide Code of Ethics for Health Education.
- The project cited must be one that clearly demonstrates collaborative efforts.



Student Recognition Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize exemplary student achievements in the field of health education and public health. The **Student Recognition Award** may be presented annually, but only when the Awards Committee receives a meritorious nomination.

The criteria for the award are as follows:

- The nominee must be a resident of North Carolina.
- Nominee's major must be in health education, public health, public health policy, public health communication, or similar course of study.
- Nominee's activities reflect systematic application of health education principles in the academic setting, which may include internships. *
- Nominee's contributions to the profession or the educational institution exceed expectations which may include specific involvement /activities related to health education such as volunteerism, internship, educational presentations, conference attendance, etc. *
- The nominee displays efforts to achieve high visibility of the health education field that align with the goals and objectives of the local chapter. *
- The nominee displays a distinctive and consistent leadership role in the academic, professional and/or local chapter responsibilities. *
- Nominee's contribution/achievement is carried out in accordance with the profession of Health Education and the Profession-wide Code of Ethics for Health Education. *
- The nominee has a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA), of 3.0 (faculty verified or include copy of unofficial transcripts).

*Letter of Recommendation must address the **areas of meritorious recognition denoted by * above** along with community/extracurricular involvement, character traits becoming of a health educator, and how the award will help assist the student in furthering professionalism.*