

Call for Nominations

Louisiana State University Health Science Center School of Public Health Elizabeth T.H. Fontham Award for Outstanding Community Service

The Fontham Award is given once a year in recognition of outstanding achievement in community service outside of the classroom. This \$250 award will be presented to the student who demonstrates the highest level of commitment and success in working with community members and organizations/systems that serve them. The student's service must take place during his/her time enrolled at the School of Public Health (SPH).

The award is open to all MPH, MS and PhD students. Students can self-nominate, or be nominated by a SPH student, faculty or staff member, an outside organization, or a community member. Students will be judged by level of involvement/commitment, length of service, and outcomes/accomplishments. Nominations will be evaluated by the SGA Achievement Award Committee, which includes students, faculty, staff, and alumni from all SPH departments.

Nomination Instructions

Nominations for the Fontham Award are due by April 1st each year. Students can be nominated in one of two ways.

- **Self-Nominations:** The student submits a personal statement no longer than 750 words that details his/her involvement in community service, including motivation, organization(s), length and nature of service, outcomes, and what he/she has learned through these activities. In addition, the student submits a letter of support from someone who is familiar with his/her community service.
- **Nominating a Student:** Fellow students, faculty or community members can nominate a student by submitting a statement no longer than 750 words that details why the student should receive this award. Please provide details on his/her involvement in community service, including length and nature of service, and the student's achievements.

Submit all materials to REDCap via the following link: <https://redcap.lsuhsu.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=XNN78TJXDC>

or via US mail: Attention: Yvette Merritt at LSUHSC School of Public Health, 2020 Gravier Street, 3rd Floor, New Orleans, LA, 70112.

Announcement of Award: The Fontham Award will be presented at the SPH Pre-Commencement Awards Ceremony. Information Please contact Mrs. Merritt (ymerr1@lsuhsc.edu) or Dr. Williams (dwilli3@lsuhsc.edu) if you have any questions.