



Awards and Letter of Recognition Criteria and Process

Protocol for Nomination and Selection of Award and Letter of Recognition Recipients

ASTDD OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- (1) Nominee must be a present or past member of ASTDD, who has a record of five years of membership in good standing.
- (2) Nominations must be from present or past ASTDD members.
- (3) Normally there will be one award recipient each year. However, the Awards Committee may consider any special circumstances and present more than one award or present no award in a given year.
- (4) Selection process must be completed 60 prior to the annual meeting.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

- (1) The Nominee may be a member, associate member or non-member or organization who has made a significant contribution to ASTDD programs, initiatives, or dental public health.
- (2) Nominations must be from present or past ASTDD members.
- (3) Normally there will be one award recipient each year. However, the Awards Committee may consider any special circumstances and present more than one award or present no award in a given year.
- (4) Selection process must be completed 60 prior to the annual meeting.

ADA/ASTDD/CDC FLUORIDATION AWARDS CRITERIA

Background

Community water fluoridation is the process of adjusting the fluoride content that occurs naturally in a community's water to the recommended level for oral health. Community water fluoridation is the single most effective and efficient means for preventing dental caries in children and adults regardless of socio-economic status. Community water fluoridation should be the foundation of oral disease prevention or treatment programs in areas with a community water supply.

Recognizing the significance of community water fluoridation to dental public health, the American Dental Association (ADA) Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP), the Association of

State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), jointly acknowledge states, communities, organizations or individuals with fluoridation awards on a yearly basis. The Fluoridation Awards Committee consists of a representative(s) from the ADA/CAAP, ASTDD and CDC.

Fluoridation Award Categories

1. Fifty (50) Year Awards

Recognition is given to systems that reached fifty years of continuous water fluoridation during the past calendar year.

- Criteria:
- A. Data from CDC Fluoridation Census
 - B. State records

Notes: (1) Short term suspensions (up to one year) for technical or logistical reasons should not be considered as interruptions of continuous water fluoridation. (2) A community/system that started fluoridation 50 years ago, and then ultimately became consecutive would be recognized, but a system that started as a consecutive system would not be.

2. Healthy People 2020 Awards

Recognition is given to states that achieve the Healthy People 2020 objective **for the first time** during the past calendar year.

- Criteria:
- A. Healthy People 2020 objectives:
 - 79.6% of population of state on community water supplies receive the benefits of the recommended fluoride level for decreasing tooth decay.
 - B. Obtained from state dental directors and CDC Water Fluoridation Reporting System (WFRS)

3. State Fluoridation Quality Awards

Recognition is given to states that maintain the quality of fluoridation as determined by the ability of fluoridating systems to monitor and maintain recommended fluoride levels.

- Criteria:
- A. Participate in CDC's WFRS
 - 1. Consistently maintain the recommended level of fluoridated water in over 90% of the adjusted water systems and/or in over 90% of the population supplied by adjusted water systems.
 - 2. Consistently maintain the recommended level of fluoridated water is defined as maintaining monthly average fluoride levels within the range recommended in the Engineering and Administrative Recommendations for Water Fluoridation (1995) for at least 9 months of the calendar year."

4. **Community Fluoridation Initiative Awards**

Recognition is given to communities that passed water fluoridation initiatives during the past calendar year.

- Criteria: A. Fluoridation initiative could be passed through referendum, city council or village board action, or through other appropriate measures
1. Data obtained from WFRS, state dental directors, and ADA/CAAP.
 2. A community is not eligible for this award if the initiation of fluoridation results from a mandate. However, if a community agrees to accept a grant for fluoridation equipment, this could be considered a de facto vote for CWF. If/when this situation occurs, the initiation of fluoridation could be recognized; consideration should be given on a case-by-case basis.

5. **Community Fluoridation Reaffirmation Awards**

Recognition is given to communities that defeated initiatives to discontinue community water fluoridation during the past calendar year (or approved an initiative to maintain community water fluoridation if challenged).

- Criteria: A. Challenge to water fluoridation defeated through referendum, city council or village board action, or through other appropriate measures
1. Data obtained from ADA/CAAP, state dental directors, and CDC.

6. **State Fluoridation Initiative Awards**

1. Recognition is given to the state that had the most new systems fluoridating and/or to the state that had the greatest increase in population on fluoridation in the past calendar year.

- Criteria: A. State with the greatest increase in systems fluoridating is recognized
1. State with the greatest increase in population on fluoridation is recognized.
 2. Data from CDC/WFRS and state dental directors
 3. If, in the judgment of the Fluoridation Awards Committee, the increase in the number of systems fluoridating or the increase in the population fluoridating is minimal, this category of awards may not be presented in any given year.

7. **Fluoridation Merit Award**

Recognition is given for an outstanding contribution toward the progress of fluoridation.

- Criteria: A. Merit award could be presented to an individual, group, agency or organization for an outstanding contribution
1. Nomination to be made by a member of the Fluoridation Awards Committee
 2. Award(s) would be presented only if there is a consensus of Fluoridation Awards Committee

3. Examples of merit award recognition include but are not limited to:
 - Heading the process to get a new mandatory fluoridation law passed
 - Heading the campaign for a major city
 - New approach to fluoridation initiative
 - Outstanding research in area of fluoridation
 - Outstanding promotion of fluoridation at a national level
 - Capturing significant external resources to support fluoridation activities

Letter of Recognition

An ASTDD member, associate member or committee can recommend a letter of recognition for an individual or organization they believe deserving of such. To do so, the person or committee asking for the letter of recognition should send a letter to the ASTDD Executive Director that includes the name of the organization or individual they believe deserves recognition, along with complete contact information for the individual or organization they are recommending, and a brief description of why they believe a letter of recognition is deserved. The Executive Director will forward to the ASTDD Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors votes to approve the letter of recognition, the Executive Director will compose a letter and send it.