



## **Student Champions for Climate Justice: Promoting Awareness of Climate and Health on Campus**

### Description of Award, Eligibility and Application Instructions

#### **Description**

The American Public Health Association's Center for Climate, Health and Equity advances health equity and environmental justice through climate solutions. Increasing awareness of the health and equity impacts of climate change among academic communities is critical to galvanizing action for the next generation of public health leaders.

APHA's Center for Climate, Health and Equity will select five college or university student groups to host a campus activity to highlight climate change, health and equity during the month of September or October.

**Application deadline:** July 29, 2024, 11:59 p.m. ET  
Student Champion awardees will be announced August 16, 2024.

#### **Award**

- Up to \$500 in funding for the campus activity, based on final approved budget
  - The award will be provided after awardees accept and sign the award letter
- Student Champions for Climate Justice certificate
- Recognition on APHA's [Public Health Newswire](#) and social media platforms

#### **Eligibility**

##### *Student groups*

- Must be 18 years or older
- Must be enrolled students at an accredited U.S. college or university
  - Undergraduate and graduate students are welcome to apply
- APHA will recognize up to five lead participants of a student group
- All five participating student group members must be enrolled for the 2024 Fall semester
- Each group must designate a primary point-of-contact, who will submit the application on behalf of the group, communicate with APHA, and if awarded, will receive the funds
  - The primary point-of-contact is responsible for ensuring all requirements are met and for submitting a report to APHA about the experience within 30 days of hosting the event.

##### *Staff/Faculty advisor*

- Each student group applying for the Student Champions for Climate Justice Awards is required to work with a staff or faculty advisor to receive the award. The staff/faculty advisor will be expected to work with the student group, providing guidance and oversight on the development and execution of the experience. The selected advisor must fill out the staff/faculty advisor form and provide you with a scanned copy for submission.

## Eligibility (continued)

### *Campus Event*

The campus event can be virtual or in person. School guidelines must be followed. The goal of the activity/event is to provide an opportunity for academic communities to learn about and engage on issues of climate, health and equity during the month of September or October. Check out last year's winners in our Instagram stories @americanpublichealth. Some additional examples are provided below, but do not feel limited to these:

- Host a live event
  - webinar
  - panel discussion
  - workshop
- Organize a show
  - written/spoken: poetry, storytelling, podcast, blog post series
  - visual: painting, crafting, video, multi-media exhibit, movie screenings, poster sessions
  - performance: play, song, dance, performance art, curated or solo show
- Promote friendly competition (live or virtual)
  - Trivia night
  - Game show

Applications will be evaluated according to the campus event's:

- Engagement of the student body and/or local community,
- Focus on climate change and health equity,
- Ability to be completed as described, and
- Originality and creativity.

## Responsibilities

If selected, the student groups agree to:

- Participate in an informational virtual meeting and, as needed, phone check-ins with APHA.
- Promote the activity/event on their own social media channels by using #ClimateChangesHealth to increase academic community engagement.
- Complete the activity/event during the month of September or October.
- Work with APHA to create an Instagram story for @americanpublichealth
- Report and provide materials to APHA about the completed activity/event. The materials to be submitted depend upon the nature of the experience and can be determined by the students and APHA in the planning process. The final report is due 30 days after the campus activity is held and must include the potential reach for the activity/event.
- Draft a post-event blog post for APHA's [Public Health Newswire](#).

## Application Instructions & Questions

- Applications should be submitted through the [Application Submission Form](#). Applicants should review the application in advance and prepare responses prior to submission. Read about previously awarded projects [here](#).
- Applications may list up to five group members. Group submissions need to designate a primary point-of-contact, who will submit the application on behalf of the group and represent the student group in meetings with APHA.

The application is made up of the following components:

- **Personal Information**
  - Email
  - First name
  - Last name
  - College/University
  - Mailing address during the school year (number and street, apartment or PO box)
  - City
  - State
  - Zip/Postal code
  - Phone number
  - What degree are you seeking (Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, PhD), and what is your area of study, if applicable?
  - Number of credits in which you are currently enrolled
  - Are you age 18 or older?
  
- **Group Submissions**
  - Is this group applying on behalf of a school club or organization? If so, please tell us the name of your organization
  - Provide names and emails of additional members of your group (up to four additional group members)
  - Are all of the listed team members over the age of 18 and students at your listed college/university?
  
- **Proposed campus activity**
  - A short summary of your proposed campus activity (no more than 50 words)
  - Purpose and description of the campus activity (no more than 200 words)
  - Brief overview of intended audience and outcome (no more than 200 words)
  - Overview of how you plan to spread the word about the activity/event (no more than 200 words). Please reach out to your student affairs office for advice on how events are best promoted on your campus.
  - Plans to measure the impact of your experience, including specific metrics (no more than 200 words). Include the potential audience reach of the activity.
  - Itemized proposed budget (up to \$500) with a detailed breakdown of expected costs
  
- **Additional questions**
  - Why is the intersection of climate, health and equity important to you/your group? (no more than 150 words)
  - Summary of you/your group's relevant experience (i.e., experience organizing events, leadership positions, other) (no more than 150 words)
  
- **Faculty/Staff Advisor Form**
  - Upload scanned copy of the completed and signed form from your staff/faculty advisor
  
- **Personal Statement of Responsibility**

*"I confirm the information given in this form is true, complete and accurate. If granted an award, I commit to:*

- *Participate in an informational virtual meeting and, as needed, phone check-ins with APHA.*
- *Promote the campus activity on relevant social media channels by using #ClimateChangesHealth to increase community engagement.*
- *Work with APHA to create an Instagram story for @americanpublichealth*
- *Complete the campus activity during the month of September or October.*
- *Submit a report to APHA about the experience. The exact materials needed may depend upon the nature of the campus activity but may include:*
  - *Description and photos of the campus activity*
  - *Measure of impact including potential audience reached*
  - *A blog piece about project for consideration by APHA's Public Health Newswire*
  - *Virtual interview about the experience*

Submit any questions about this competition to [michelle.loosli@apha.org](mailto:michelle.loosli@apha.org). Or join our [SCCJ LinkedIn Group](#) for additional updates.

#### **Application Checklist**

- Completed [Application Submission Form](#)
- Signed Faculty/Staff Advisor Form
- Personal Statement of Responsibility