



NC ORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

North Carolina Oral Health Collaborative 2022 NCOHC Oral Health Equity Award Call for Nominations

AWARD DESCRIPTION:

The North Carolina Oral Health Collaborative ([NCOHC](#)) is excited to announce a Call for Nominations for the “**2022 NCOHC Oral Health Equity Award.**”

In alignment with the mission of NCOHC, the 2022 NCOHC Oral Health Equity Award has been created to highlight and recognize an oral health care organization that is focused on decreasing inequities and reducing disparities in oral health in North Carolina.

NCOHC believes that [health equity](#), while defined differently by various organizations, requires acknowledging that the attainment of health is an inherent right for all — and not a privilege for some. We further believe it requires a concerted focus on sustained societal efforts to address inequities and break historical and systemic injustices. North Carolinians face significant disparities in oral health care access and outcomes perpetuated by the social drivers of health — environmental and economic factors outside of health care facilities that impact a person’s health, well-being, and quality of life. These factors include limited access to transportation, low provider density (especially in rural areas), and financial strain, among others.

HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION:

Please read the criteria below and complete one [Nomination Form](#) per nominee for the 2022 NCOHC Oral Health Equity Award. **All nomination forms must be submitted by June 3, 2022, at 5:00 pm EST.** Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged. The award will be presented on Day 1 (June 23) of Oral Health Day 2022 – Equity in Action, NCOHC’s signature advocacy event.

Questions about the award may be submitted to NCOHCinfo@foundationhli.org, with the subject line: “2022 NCOHC Oral Health Equity Award.”

ORGANIZATIONAL ELIGIBILITY:

A North Carolina-based health care organization that provides oral health care services to historically marginalized populations (uninsured, underinsured, low SES, rural residents, ethnic and racial minorities, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and others). This may include Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), local health departments, free and charitable clinics, and private sector organizations that actively participate in Medicaid.

CRITERIA:

The award will be presented to an organization that has reduced disparities and improved outcomes in oral health by implementing solutions to advance oral health care equity.

Nominees should demonstrate alignment with the following criteria:

- The organization's work exhibits alignment with NCOHC's mission to improve the overall health and well-being of all North Carolinians by increasing access and equity in oral health care through collaborative partnership, advocacy, and education.
- The organization demonstrates efforts to reduce disparities in oral health care delivery to one or more historically marginalized population(s).
- The organization exemplifies targeted and sustainable efforts to improve oral health outcomes in historically marginalized communities.

AWARD DETAILS:

NCOHC will assess each nomination through a competitive process to identify the organization that has demonstrated the most significant impact in advancing oral health equity. This organization will be presented with the 2022 NCOHC Oral Health Equity Award during Day 1 of the Oral Health Day 2022 – Equity in Action virtual event on June 22nd, 2023.

The organizational honoree will receive a plaque and \$2,500, to be used to advance oral health care equity in the communities it serves. The funds will be released in two payments, made out to the awarded organization. The first installment of \$1,250 will be mailed to the recipient organization on June 23rd. The second installment of \$1,250 will be released after the organizational awardee submits an equitable framework detailing the anticipated use of funds.

NOMINATION FORM: [2022 NCOHC Oral Health Equity Nomination Form](#)