



MPHA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Minnesota Public Health Association, an affiliate of the American Public Health Association, invites students in public health (or related field) and Early Career professionals (within 3 years of finishing degree as of June 30, 2016) to submit an application to become a recipient of a MPHA Scholarship which provides \$500 to assist in attendance to the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. The 2016 meeting is in Denver, CO from Oct 29-Nov 2.

This program provides a scholarship to students/early career professionals for the purpose of establishing meaningful connections in the public health community, developing future leaders, maximizing awardee experiences at the APHA annual meeting, and supporting involvement in affiliate activities.

Once selected, applicants will be matched with and mentored by an experienced MPHA member/past APHA attendee. The mentorship experience is expected to enhance the students' or new professionals' attendance at the conference.

Eligibility requirements, awardee responsibilities, and an application are attached.

Questions? Please contact: info@mpha.net.

ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS ARE DUE by June 30, 2016.

Awardee Eligibility:

1. Is a current MPHA member who plans to engage in public health research and/or practice and is a current graduate student with a public health concentration, or an early career professional (within 3 years of degree) employed in an agency with a public health focus.
2. Demonstrates an interest in the advancement of public health.
3. Has successfully submitted an APHA conference abstract (not required to have it accepted).

Awardee Selection Process:

MPHA will advertise the award via MPHA website, newsletter, and at events.

Each interested applicant must complete the application requirements including a brief written statement about why they would like to attend the APHA Annual Meeting, and return it to the committee by the deadline (June 30, 2016).

The committee, made up of 5 MPHA members selected by the Governing Council, will select the awardee. The awardee will be notified by July 30, 2016.

Awardee Responsibilities:

1. Exchange contact information and develop a tentative time schedule of APHA annual meeting activities with assigned mentor prior to the meeting.
2. Attend the APHA Opening Session, MPHA luncheon during the conference, and at least one Affiliate-related meeting or scientific session.
3. Provide a brief written (and in-person if desired) evaluation of the experience and a summary of the events attended to the committee and mentor within 30 days of conference attendance.
4. Since parts of awardee written evaluation may appear in a MPHA newsletter, awardee will be asked to give permission to MPHA to publicize their name and professional biographical information within the MPHA newsletter. Award recipient will also be photographed with MPHA mentor for publication in the MPHA newsletter.