

Quest for Healthy Communities Champion

Through this program, the Foundation will recognize and give monetary awards to up to 15 individuals or organizations across the US committed to improving clinical and community health outcomes in their communities. In the case of recognition to individuals, the monetary award will be given to the tax-exempt charity of their choosing. The program is intended to recognize and honor the work of individuals or organizations that seek to improve and promote health within their own communities. The Foundation is particularly interested in hearing from organizations and individuals that seek to improve health outcomes that leverage the value of diagnostic testing to (i) screen, prevent, and manage chronic cardiometabolic conditions or (ii) maternal/child health. The program reflects the importance of recognizing individuals and organizations that are committed to the purpose of Quest, “working together to create a healthier world, one life at a time” and the Foundation’s belief that increased awareness of individuals and organizations doing this work can lead to healthier communities.

Eligibility

To receive a *Quest for Healthy Communities Champion* award, the nominee must be eligible to work in the United States. If applying on behalf of an organization, that organization must be a recognized tax-exempt organization as defined by the IRS, public charity or be a U.S. governmental organization (e.g. public schools, universities, public hospitals, public health departments, etc.).

Application Process & Timeline

Applications should be submitted through the online grants portal. Applications must be received by 4 pm PST on the stated deadline to be considered.

Selection Criteria

Successful applications will demonstrate their commitment to improving health in their communities through actions such as:

- Use of diagnostic laboratory services
- Cardiometabolic conditions or maternal/child health
- Ongoing, impactful, community engagement to improve health conditions
- Workforce development efforts to improve access to healthcare

The following organizations will not be eligible to receive a *Quest for Healthy Communities Champion* award:

- For-profit organizations
- Political organizations, campaigns, and activities
- Fraternal or labor organizations and activities

How to Apply

To be considered for this award, please submit your response to the following question via our application portal:

1. Why should the nominee or selected organization be considered for the Quest for Healthy Communities Champion Award? Consider the following in your response: (750 words)
 - a. What makes the effort unique or novel?
 - b. How would the health of the community be impacted if this individual/organization was no longer present?

In addition to your responses to the above questions, you are required to also submit the resume/CV of the individual being nominated and/or the representative of the organization being nominated. You are encouraged to also include supporting materials/collateral you believe will be important for the review committee when evaluating your application.