

2015 CEASE Annual Conference Guidelines for CEASE Awards

CEASE (Communities Engaged and Advocating for a Smoke-free Environment) is pleased to issue a request for award nominations for its second annual conference, THE RIPPLE EFFECT: Communities Making Waves Through Tobacco Control. On October 9th and 10th our aim is to share the work of those whose focus is on increasing the capacity-building ability of academic/community partnerships and creating social justice by empowering communities to take control of their health. CEASE is a community-based participatory research (CBPR) collaboration between Baltimore neighborhoods, Fusion Partnerships and Morgan State University, to help low-income smokers quit and stay quit, and to prevent nonsmokers from starting.

The October conference intends to strengthen the long-standing partnerships on which CEASE is based, to generate new ideas for improving the health of Baltimore neighborhoods and to move beyond information gathering to sustaining communities. To that end, we honor and thank the many health professionals, researchers, students, and citizens concerned about social justice and the health of inner-city neighborhoods. If you are interested in nominating an individual or an organization for one of our annual awards, please see the information. Anyone may nominate a person or organization for any of these awards.

Award Nomination and Selection

1. Nominations should be submitted online at <http://bit.ly/1cznYwO>.
2. Please include a justification for the nomination, up to 200 words. The submission should also include contact information for the person or organization making the nomination, and for the award nominee.
3. The deadline for award nominations is midnight May 31, 2015.
4. The Scientific Subcommittee will review nominations and submit their recommendations to the full Planning Committee for approval.

Grassroots and Social Justice Award

The recipient of this award has a demonstrated track record of success in helping underserved populations remain or become safe from the hazards of tobacco. Eligible recipients must be involved in community-based, grassroots tobacco control efforts. Contributions must have been achieved through health education, counter-marketing, and/or media advocacy in tobacco control. As socioeconomically deprived, racial and ethnic minorities are disproportionately harmed by tobacco, evidence of successful prevention efforts among these populations is especially relevant.

Public Health Leadership Award

The recipient of this award has led efforts against tobacco use. Eligible recipients include recognized leaders of non-profit organizations, other private sector organizations, health departments, and/or community-based groups. This awardee will be recognized for leadership in protecting the public's health, especially from tobacco.

Policy Award

The recipient of this award will have played a major role in developing and/or facilitating the passage of important tobacco-related legislation, regulations or private policies. Recipients of this award may have achieved success by serving in public office, in appointed positions, or as advocates for the public's health.

Tobacco Research Award

The recipient of this award will have a demonstrated track record of research that advances the public's health through tobacco control, including prevention and cessation services. Evidence of research accomplishments includes (but is not limited to) books or journal publications.