



Oral Health Champion Award Criteria

November 22, 2013

The Oral Health Champion Awardee is selected by the Board, upon recommendation of the Conference Committee, and is based on notable work on oral health policy of state-level significance and contributing to improving Missouri's oral health or contributing to making oral health and oral health policy a priority for policy-makers and the Missouri public. Awarded annually upon Board approval, but may be awarded on a more frequent basis upon the recommendation of the Conference Committee and approval of the Board. More than one award within a given time period may be made upon recommendation of the Conference Committee and approval of the Board.

Award Criteria for Legislators

- The Missouri Coalition for Oral Health will have the opportunity to recognize those legislators that have taken an active interest in the oral health of all Missouri citizens.
- Criteria may include the following aspects
 - Will be an elected Missouri legislator
 - Will have advocated for oral health by one or more of the following aspects:
 - Introduced legislation on behalf of oral health and in accordance with the policy agenda
 - Sponsored legislation on behalf of oral health and in accordance with the policy agenda
 - Participated/Initiated an oral health caucus
 - Is currently an oral health professional serving in an elected position, and advocating for items on the MOCH policy agenda
 - Voted for an oral health policy as stated in the MCOH policy agenda

Award Criteria for Advocates Working on Local Issues of State-Level Significance

- The Missouri Coalition for Oral Health will have the opportunity to recognize advocates who have worked on local oral health issues of state-level significance.
- Criteria may include the following aspects
 - Will have advocated for the oral health of the community through local action
 - Will have worked to inspire and organize other advocates to support community oral health
 - Will have worked on an oral health issue as stated in the MCOH policy agenda