

Nomination Form Preview

This nomination form preview is only for nominators to view the questions in advance. Please note: nominations may only be submitted via the [online nomination form](#).

The Laurence N. Nickey, MD, Lifetime Achievement Award

The award is not intended to be bestowed on a regular basis, but rather is intended to be a recognition bestowed only occasionally and then only upon a truly exceptional TMA physician who has made significant lifetime contributions to public health. This is an open call for nominations, and a bestowment is not guaranteed. Only Texas county medical societies (CMS) and TMA councils may submit nominations but are not obligated to do so. Each CMS or council may nominate no more than one individual for receipt of the award, by submitting the following nomination form in its entirety.

ORIGIN AND PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The award commemorates Laurance N. Nickey, MD (1931-2018), a pediatrician and longtime director of the El Paso City-County Health District. Dr. Nickey was a dedicated border health advocate who frequently reminded the public "diseases have no passports." To learn more about Dr. Nickey's contributions to public health in Texas, please read the [El Paso Times' \(2018\)](#) reviews of his life and work.

INSTRUCTIONS

The Texas Medical Association's Council on Science and Public Health is pleased to accept nominations from county medical societies and TMA councils until October 31, 2023. Incomplete or late nominations will not be considered. In the event a

nominee is selected to receive the award, the award will be presented at a formal awards ceremony held during the TMA Leadership Summit in January 2024.

You may exit and return to the nomination form at any time. Your progress will be saved as long as you use the same computer and link each time.

The scored portion of the nomination contains 10 required short answer questions with a limit of 1000 characters per question. Narrative or list form is acceptable. You may find it easier to compose your responses in a Word document and paste them into the nomination form. If you prefer this method, the short answer questions begin on Page 4 of the form.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Only nominees meeting the following criteria will be considered:

- Texas Medical Association member physician
- Demonstrated professional focus on public health
- Nominated by a county medical society or a TMA council. Each county medical society and TMA council may only nominate one person.
- At least 10 years of medical practice

SCORING

Eligible nominees will be evaluated on the following:

- Public Health Progress and Achievements (20 points)
- Commitment to Community (15 points)
- Mentoring (5 points)
- Leadership (5 points)
- Impact Across Geographies and Jurisdictions (5 points)

Please email Erin.Thompson@texmed.org with questions about the award or nomination form.

Nominee Information

Full Name of Nominee

Nominee Credentials

Nominee Phone Number

Nominee Location

City

State

Country

Nominee's Employment

('Self' may be entered if nominee is self-employed.)

Current Employer

Job Title

How many years has this nominee been in practice?

Is this nominee a current Texas Medical Association member?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

STOP!

Only current Texas Medical Association members are eligible for this award.

If you are unsure of a nominee's current membership status, please email Erin.Thompson@texmed.org to verify before completing a nomination.

Once you have verified the nominee is a current TMA member, please select 'Yes' in the question below.

Did you confirm that this nominee is a TMA member?

- Yes
- No

Nominator Information

Your Full Name

Your Email Address

Your Phone Number

Your Location

City

State

Country

Your Employment

('Self' may be entered if nominator is self-employed.)

Current Employer

Job Title

Which best describes your relationship to the nominee?

Please briefly describe your relationship.

Where is this nomination from?

Name of the county medical society

Category I. Public Health Progress and Achievements

Category I. Public Health Progress and Achievements (20 points)

How Dr. Nickey exemplified this category:

While practicing pediatrics in El Paso, Dr. Nickey became engaged in maternal and child health, public health, and infectious disease issues. In the 1960s, he organized the Oral Polio Immunization program, which vaccinated hundreds of thousands of people in southwest Texas and New Mexico in 1963-1965, while also working strategically for years with the U.S. Public Health Service to organize a tuberculosis control unit to serve the El Paso area. As long-time director of the El Paso City-County Health District, Dr. Nickey was instrumental in increasing access to prenatal care with implementation of the Improved Pregnancy Outcomes program, resulting in a decrease in the proportion of El Paso women with no prenatal care from 40% to 11%.

Dr. Nickey's received many awards for his public health achievements, including:

- **Distinguished Service Award for securing legislation for newborn health insurance in the State of Texas, Texas Pediatric Society, 1973**
- **Conquistador Award (highest award offered by the City of El Paso) for Outstanding Contribution to the Public's Health, City of El Paso, 1989**
- **Conquistador Award for Contributions to Public Health in El Paso and Binationally, City of El Paso, 1995**
- **Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Efforts to Promote public Health as a Local Health Officer, American Medical Association, 1995**
- **S.T. Turner Award for Outstanding Career of Service and Contributions to the Practice of Medicine and the People of El Paso, Texas, El Paso County Medical Society, 1996**
- **James E. Peavy Memorial Award for Distinguished Contributions to Public Health in Texas, Texas Public Health Association, 2001**
- **The Dr. Charles W. Daeschner Lifetime Achievement Award, Texas Pediatric Society, 2002**

a. How has this nominee demonstrated a commitment to improving and/or progressing public health in Texas?

b. What public health achievements can be attributed to the nominee? If you can provide measurable evidence of impact, please do so.



Category II. Commitment to Community

Category II. Commitment to Community (15 points)

How Dr. Nickey exemplified this category:

In 1995, Dr. Nickey retired from his formal role in public health, but his volunteer service continued with TMA, where he served as a member of TMA's Council on Public Health, with a focus on TMA's efforts on border health issues. Dr. Nickey was also active in the El Paso County Medical Society and several other public health and medical entities in El Paso.

Dr. Nickey held many community and volunteer positions, including:

- Chairman, El Paso Child Welfare Board, 1966-1969**
- Chairman, El Paso City-County Board of Health, 1970-1971**
- Vice President, Texas Perinatal Association, 1976-1977 (Charter Member)**
- El Paso County Medical Society, 1981**
- President, Texas Pediatric Society, 1981**
- President, United States-Mexico Border Health Association, 1991-1992**
- Member and consultant in multiple TMA councils and committees, 1970s-1990s**

a. How has the nominee demonstrated a commitment to community in their day-to-day professional role(s)?

b. What are some examples of the nominee's efforts (including volunteer or philanthropic efforts) to improve public health in their community?

c. Please describe the nominee's involvement in their county medical society.

Category III. Mentoring

Category III. Mentoring (5 points)

How Dr. Nickey exemplified this category:

In addition to his volunteer work, Dr. Nickey served as a mentor and inspiration to physicians and other 30 health professionals in El Paso, throughout Texas, in other parts of the country, and beyond.

Dr. Nickey held many mentoring/teaching positions, including:

- Instructor in Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine, 1956-1958**
- Pediatrician-In-Charge, Children's Tuberculosis Ward, R.E. Thomason General Hospital, 1960-1972**
- Pediatrician-In-Charge, Children's Tuberculosis Clinic, El Paso City-County Health District, 1960-1990**
- Teaching Staff, R.E. Thomason General Hospital, El Paso, 1960-1990**
- Chief of Pediatrics, Providence Memorial Hospital, 1962-1963, 1978**
- Chief of Staff, Providence Memorial Hospital, 1972**
- General Chairman, Oral Polio Immunization Program, El Paso, Southern New Mexico, and West Texas, 1963**

a. How has the nominee demonstrated a commitment to mentoring other physicians or health professionals?

Category IV. Leadership

Category IV. Leadership (5 points)

How Dr. Nickey exemplified this category:

Dr. Nickey advocated for the development of the US-Mexico Border Health Commission and was appointed Border Health Commissioner by President Bill Clinton. Dr. Nickey was critical in organizing support of TMA and county medical

associations along the border, the American Medical Association, and other state medical associations to finally obtain federal approval to establish this binational commission in 1994.

Dr. Nickey held the following leadership positions at TMA:

- **Pediatric Consultant, Council on Tax-Financed Health Care Programs, 1974**
- **Member, Council on Tax-Financed Health Care Programs, 1975-1978**
- **Member, Council on Socioeconomics, 1978-1980**
- **Member, Pharmacy Committee, 1979-1980**
- **Member Interspecialty Society Committee, 1979-1988**
- **Member, Council on Public Health, 1985-1995**
- **Chairman, Council on Public Health, 1987-1995**

a. How has the nominee demonstrated depth and breadth of leadership in public health?

b. What outstanding leadership qualities or skills does the nominee possess?

c. If applicable, please list specific leadership roles the nominee has held within TMA.

Category V. Impact Across Geographies and Jurisdictions

Category V. Impact Across Geographies and Jurisdictions (5 points)

How Dr. Nickey exemplified this category:

Dr. Nickey served in and led organizations at various levels and jurisdictions, including city and county societies, boards, and foundations; statewide foundations, societies, and associations; and international commissions and associations. See above categories for specific examples.

a. To what extent has the nominee's work transcended geographic regions or had multi-jurisdictional impact (e.g. local, state, federal, international)?

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When you are finished, click 'Next' to review your responses. On the following page, use the link in the top right corner to download your responses in PDF form. After you have reviewed your responses, click 'Next' to submit.

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