



Natalie J. Smith, M.D. Award 2009

Purpose: The *Natalie J. Smith, M.D. Award* is presented in recognition of Natalie J. Smith's outstanding management and leadership skills in the area of state and national vaccine-preventable disease programs. This *Award*, presented annually by the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM), is the highest form of recognition for Immunization Program Managers. It is established to recognize the contributions (during the past year or during the career) of an Immunization Program Manager who has demonstrated the high ideals, innovation and commitment to excellence in immunization practices that characterized Dr. Smith's career. The award recognizes accomplishments and visionary leadership that have had a significant impact on achieving city, state, territory, and/or national vaccine-preventable disease goals.

Eligible Candidates: The recipient will be a current or recently retired (within the last 2 years) Immunization Program Manager who is designated as the person primarily responsible for actively directing **one of the sixty-four city, state, or territorial immunization programs directly funded by the National Immunization Program**. [The 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Republic of Marshall Islands, Micronesia, the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Chicago, New York City, Houston, San Antonio, Philadelphia.]

Selection Criteria: Nominees will be judged based on their achievement in these areas. Only those achievements described in the nomination justification will be considered.

- Accomplished work that has a **demonstrable impact** at the city, state, territorial, and/or national level. (Work with the Association of Immunization Managers may be included within the scope of national level impact.) *and/or*
- Consistently made **outstanding/significant contributions to immunization activities** during the past year or over the course of a career. *and/or*
- Demonstrated an unusual level of **initiative and creativity** in achieving vaccine-preventable disease goals. *and/or*
- Served as a **role model** for program managers in the field of program management and/or vaccine-preventable diseases.

Nomination Procedures: Any individual or organization wishing to recognize the outstanding work of an Immunization Program Manager (see *Eligible Candidates*) may submit a nomination, utilizing the format detailed on the *2009 Natalie J. Smith, M.D. Award Nomination Form* (below).

Selection Procedures: Nominations will be reviewed and a final selection made by members of the AIM Nominations/Awards/Membership Committee, supplemented by one representative each from the CDC National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO).

Award Announcement: The recipient of the *2009 Natalie J. Smith, M.D. Award* will be named on March 30, 2009 at the National Immunization Conference in Dallas, Texas. The recipient will receive a plaque and will have his/her name listed on a plaque displayed at AIM national office.

For More Information: Claire Hannan, Executive Director, channan@astho.org, 301-424-5439.



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2009 Nomination Form

Name of Candidate:

Position Title and Organization Location:

Date of Nomination:

Nominator's Name, Position, and Contact Information:

Citation of no more than 50 words to be read when award is presented:

- **Attach a (maximum) 2 page, double-spaced (standard 12 point font) justification supporting the nomination.** *Please describe how the individual exemplifies the criteria listed below. Nominees will be judged based on these criteria.*
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 - Demonstrated an unusual level of **initiative and creativity** in achieving vaccine-preventable disease goals. *and/or*
 - Served as a **role model** for program managers in the field of program management and/or vaccine-preventable diseases.

**Submit nomination by February 23, 2009 to: Claire Hannan, Executive Director
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E-mail is the preferred method of submission.

Include the *Nomination Form* and the narrative *Justification* as e-mail attachments.