

THE NATALIE J. SMITH, MD AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PROGRAM MANAGEMENT 2026 SUBMISSION FORM

The [Natalie J. Smith, MD Award](#) honors a current or recently retired (retired January 2024 or later) immunization program manager. This award is the highest form of recognition for immunization program managers. It celebrates the contributions 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.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Name of Candidate (as it should appear on the award):
Program Name (as it should appear on the award):
Candidate's Background and Experience in public health and immunizations (100 words or less):
Name of Nominator:
Email Address:
Organization:

NOMINATION

Please include a 2-page maximum justification supporting the nomination (see page 2 of submission form). The nomination document must have 1-inch margins, be single-spaced, and use standard 12-point font. The nomination should describe the nominee's:

- **Accomplishments** (i.e., jobs or projects that have been completed)
- **Impact** on the field of immunization and/or in the immunization program. Please include data to quantify the impact, when possible.
- **Leadership** within the program, as well as within AIM

If a submission exceeds 3 pages total, including submission form page 1, only the content within the page limit will be considered.

DUE DATE

Submit nomination by **11:59 pm EST on Friday, August 21, 2026**, to info@immunizationmanagers.org.

SUBMISSION (2 PAGES, SINGLE-SPACED, 12-POINT FONT, 1" MARGINS)

Describe the nominee's **accomplishments** (i.e., jobs or projects that have been completed):

Describe / quantify the nominee's **impact** on the field of immunization, on the community or population, and/or in the immunization program (i.e., raising coverage rates). Please include data to quantify the impact, when possible:

Describe the nominee's **leadership** within the program, as well as within AIM: