

**Call for Applications for the annual Eric D. Bothwell Awards in
American Indian and Alaska Native Men's Health**
***Recognizing Outstanding Work to Advance the Understanding and Elimination of
Health Disparities in American Indian/Alaska Native Men and Boys***

In memory of the late Dr. Eric D. Bothwell and his devotion to improving the health and wellbeing of American Indian and Alaska Native people, the **American Public Health Association** supports two awards in his honor. They recognize and encourage scholarship and research focusing on the physical and mental health of AI/AN boys and men, and the need to address disparities that compromise their ability to fulfill roles as fathers, husbands, providers, leaders, and contributors to their communities.

The Eric D. Bothwell Award in American Indian and Alaska Native Men's Health recognizes and encourages continued scholarship and development of an early career researcher in the field of American Indian and Alaskan Native Men's health.

This award recognizes an individual whose work is outstanding and shows promise of continuing as a major part of the individual's career path. The award recognizes an outstanding research project submitted for presentation at the American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting by an individual who at the time of application is within 5 years of graduation from an academic program in a discipline related to public health. The relevance of the project to improving the physical and mental health of AI/AN boys and men and addressing disparities must be clear, and all projects should include elements of data collection, analysis, and outcomes evaluation.

The **Eric D. Bothwell Award in American Indian and Alaska Native Men's Health**, granted each year, includes:

- A plaque, presented at a social event of one of the sponsoring components during the APHA meeting;
- \$500 cash award;
- \$500 to partially support travel to the APHA annual meeting;
- Complementary registration to the APHA annual meeting;
- Two (2) years of complementary APHA membership.

The Eric D. Bothwell Student Award in American Indian and Alaska Native Men's Health encourages individuals to begin a career that focuses on the field of American Indian and Alaska Native men's health.

The award recognizes an outstanding research or service project carried out by an individual who at the time of nomination is currently enrolled in or no later than 12 months after graduation from a graduate level/university-based program in a discipline related to public health. The award supports participation in the APHA annual meeting so recipients can meet others working in the field, including prospective mentors, and where they can become known to established APHA members through presentation of a poster and participation in the meeting. The project must have been begun by the applicant while the applicant was a student.

The **Eric D. Bothwell Student Award in American Indian and Alaska Native Men's Health** includes:

- A plaque, presented at a social event of one of the sponsoring components during the APHA meeting;
- \$500 to partially support travel to the APHA annual meeting;
- Complementary registration to the APHA annual meeting;
- Five (5) years of complementary APHA membership.

Please note: Award winners must attend the APHA Annual Meeting to receive the Award. A cash equivalent in lieu of hotel and transportation is not available.

The Review Process: The relevance of the project to improving the physical and mental health of AI/AN boys and men and addressing disparities must be clear, and all projects should include elements of outcomes evaluation, data collection and analysis. The review is based on merit, with consideration given for significance, appropriateness of methods, clarity, and implications for research, policy or practice. Applications that may present a real or perceived conflict of interest to committee members are not reviewed by those members.

For more information about The Eric D. Bothwell Awards in American Indian and Alaska Native Men's Health, please contact the Committee Chair, William Maas, DDS, MPH at billmaas@verizon.net

Application Procedure

For both awards, the procedure is self-nomination. An application must be submitted to the Bothwell Award Committee as described below.

Applicants for the Bothwell Award (early career) **must** have submitted an abstract for the upcoming APHA Annual Meeting by the posted Abstract Submission Deadline (typically in late winter).

Applicants for the Bothwell **Student** Award are **NOT** required to have submitted an abstract for the Annual Meeting.

A completed electronic application includes the items listed below. **Please note:** Items #1 through #6 may be in Word or PDF format. Item #7 must be a .jpg or .tiff format.

1. Cover Sheet (page 4 of this document, available as a Word document upon request)
2. An Abstract (see guidelines below, no more than 350 words).
3. A Narrative Description (see guidelines below, no more than 1,500 words).
4. A Biographical Sketch (250-300 words).
5. Proof of date of graduation from a program in or related to public health or equivalent, or if still a student, proof of student status (official notification from Registrar's office).
6. Photograph (please label with name.) Photographs must be in a .jpg or .tiff format and at least 300 dpi. Please note: if awarded, this photograph may appear in the Bothwell Award program and subsequent promotion of the Award.
7. For Bothwell **Student** Award: Letter to be completed by the mentoring faculty, senior investigator or public health professional outlining the applicant's contributions and role to the project described above (e.g., if and how the student was involved in the planning, how they were involved in the implementation, and specifically what they did).
8. Files should be saved with applicant's last name and file name; for example: *Smith cover sheet*, *Smith narrative*, etc.

Structured Abstract Format:

Abstracts should be no more than 350 words and submitted in a structured format. Please use one of the following two formats:

Background: Study objectives, hypothesis, or a description of the problem;

Methodology: Study design, including a description of participants, procedures, measures, and appropriate statistical analyses;

Results: Specific results in summary form; and

Conclusions: Description of the main outcome of the study or the intended with supporting data.

An alternative format, suited for abstracts about policy, programs, interventions, and other types of research evaluations, may be used:

Issues: Summary of the issue(s) addressed;

Description: Design of the project, experience, service, or advocacy program;

Lessons Learned: Description of the results of the project; and

Recommendations: Statement of implications for research/policy/practice or next steps.

The Narrative Description:

The Narrative Description of the applicant's research or evaluation project should be no more than 1,500 words (not counting references) and should include:

- The public health problem or need, or public health research question, that the project addresses and why it is a public health problem for AI/AN communities, (please use supporting documentation or references).
- The goals, objectives and population(s)/community(ies) served.
- The project's anticipated and actual outcomes and how they will be measured (data and analysis).
- How the project was evaluated, if it is a policy, program or intervention.
- Describe context or additional information to help general audience understand why the project was/is innovative in promoting health of AI/AN communities or AI/AN men or boys.
- The applicant's role in the project.
- Brief history of the project (timeline or workplan by month/year).
- The roles of any other organizations, agencies, health professionals and/or disciplines, if any were involved in the project.
- The strengths of this project.
- The limitations of this project.
- If application is for the Bothwell Student Award:
 - Is this an ongoing project that other students have worked on in the past
- References and supporting documentation (does not contribute to the 1,500 word limit).

Applications should be sent electronically by May 31, 11:59 PM PT to:

Eric D. Bothwell Awards Committee Chair,

William Maas, DDS, MPH at billmaas@verizon.net

Decisions will be announced by late July.

COVER SHEET

**Eric D. Bothwell Awards in American Indian and Alaska Native Men's Health
Application for 2026 Award**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

The award for which you are applying to: (please select only one)

_____ **Bothwell Award** (abstract submitted for 2026 APHA meeting; graduation date May 2021 or more recent.)

_____ **Bothwell Student Award** (Current student or graduation May 2025 or more recent)

The name and address of the academic institution(s)/school(s)/program(s) you are currently enrolled in or have graduated from:

Indicate degrees and year granted:

_____ BA/BS _____ MPH _____ MS/MA _____ DrPH _____ PhD _____ Other (describe): _____

If currently a student, indicate degree and anticipated year of graduation _____

When did you start work on this project? Month/ year _____

When did you end work on this project? (If ongoing, anticipated end?) Month/ year _____

Faculty mentor information:

Name / Degree(s): _____

Title: _____

Academic Affiliation: _____

	CHECKLIST: Please be sure to include all of the following. Please note: Incomplete applications and/or applications submitted in unacceptable formats will not be accepted or considered for the award.	(For admin use only) Received:
1	Cover Sheet	YES NO
2	Abstract, no more than 350 words.	YES NO
3	The Narrative description of no more than 1500 words. (References at end of this document do not count against word limit.)	YES NO
4	A biographical sketch of no more than 250-300 words	YES NO
5	For Bothwell Student Award: A letter to be completed by the mentoring faculty or public health professional outlining the applicant's contributions to the project described above.	YES NO
6	Proof of graduation date or student status (official notification from Registrar's office)	YES NO
7	Photograph (please label with name.) Photographs must be in a .jpg or .tiff format and at least 300 dpi. Please note: if awarded, this photograph may be printed in the Bothwell Award program and subsequent promotion of the Award.	YES NO