



Policy 5.2 The Elaine Hector Student Award

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General

This award is given at the time of the annual APHEO conference/workshop and is meant to acknowledge that students engaged in applied public health epidemiology will help shape the future of public health in Ontario. Its purpose is to recognize the best student abstract as determined by the current conference/workshop planning committee.

Policy

APHEO may offer one (1) award of conference attendance to recognize the work of a full-time graduate or undergraduate student in the field of applied public health epidemiology and/or evaluation. The award is intended to cover the cost of travel, and accommodation to attend the APHEO conference/workshop. The recipient of the award will have their registration fee for the conference waived and receive reimbursement of up to \$500 in conference-related expenses.

Award Eligibility Criteria

Graduate or undergraduate students enrolled in a full-time program at the time of abstract submission in a field related to applied public health epidemiology or evaluation at an academic institution.

The project for which the abstract is being submitted must be work that the individual completed while enrolled as a full-time student in the relevant field.

Responsible Executive Committee Lead

Member-at-Large

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Procedures

1. Eligible students who submit an abstract for an eligible research or evaluation project (see policy for eligibility criteria) to the “Call for Abstracts” for the APHEO annual conference/workshop by the submission deadline will be considered for the Elaine Hector Student Award. Individuals must indicate their student status as part of the abstract submission in order to be considered for the award.
2. The Conference/Workshop Planning Committee will review all submitted student abstracts and select the award recipient based on set criteria. Each abstract will be scored by two independent reviewers. The award will go to the student with the abstract submission with the highest combined score. If there is a tie, the Conference/Workshop Planning Committee will make all attempts to select the winner by consensus. All reviews will be blinded and reviewers will not review or vote in the case of a conflict of interest.
3. The award recipient will be notified prior to the conference/workshop date and will be expected to give a presentation based on their project during one of the conference/workshop sessions.
4. Once selected, the registration fee of the award recipient is waived.
5. The award recipient will be required to submit all original receipts for travel and accommodation to attend the APHEO conference/workshop to the APHEO Treasurer for further reimbursement, up to a total of \$500 (excluding the registration fee). Travel and accommodation expenses covered by another organization are not eligible for reimbursement from this student award.

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