Leonard A. Levy, DPM, MPH Podiatric Health Section Award
Description

Purpose:
In collaboration with the American Public Health Association (APHA) Podiatric Health (POD) Section, APHA has created the Leonard A. Levy, DPM, MPH Podiatric Health Section Award as the result of an extremely generous gift from Dr. Leonard A. Levy.

The Leonard A. Levy, DPM, MPH Podiatric Health Section Award recognizes one outstanding podiatric student or resident with a dedication to and passion for public health. The award will be presented for 10 years (2019-2028), and the award recipient will receive a $3,500 cash gift. The candidate must meet the criteria below to be eligible for the award.

Eligibility:
Applicants must be either a:
- Student, matriculated, full-time, and in good standing, enrolled in a Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) accredited U.S. podiatric medical college; or,
- Resident, matriculated, full-time, and in good standing, enrolled in a CPME accredited podiatric residency program.

Additionally, applicants must:
- Be a member of the APHA POD Section;
- Have demonstrated outstanding performance and involvement in the field of public health;
- Have outstanding references attesting to the public health interest and exemplary performance in one or more public health activity(ies) from at least one (1):
  - Faculty member in a podiatric medical college or a health care facility affiliated with it; or,
  - Public health professional supervising the student or resident at an organization engaged in public health practice.
- Submit podiatric medical college transcript (student and resident applicants) and an assessment from the residency program in which they are enrolled (resident applicants only).

Application:
The completed application (submitted to the POD Section Chair) includes:
- APHA membership number;
- A 500 word statement regarding performance and involvement in the field of public health;
- Two letters of support including at least one of the above referenced faculty members or public health professionals (see Eligibility);
- Podiatric medical college transcript (for both student and resident applicants);
- Letter indicating good standing from:
  - Podiatric medical college (student applicants); or,
  - Residency program (resident applicants);
- Assessment from residency program (for resident applicants only)
  - Additional assessment comments from residency program can be combined with letter indicating good standing.
Timeline (exact dates may vary each year):
The award application will become available in June. 
Applications will be due no later than **August 15**.
An award recipient will be announced mid-September.

Selection:
The POD Section Chair is responsible for administering this award. A committee of no less than three (3) POD Section leaders will evaluate complete applications. All applicants will be judged on the merit of the above criteria. The recipient of this award will be recognized during the POD Section business meeting held on the Tuesday of the [APHA Annual Meeting](#).

Notes: The award will be presented annually for 10 years with the first award being presented at the APHA 2019 Annual Meeting. If there is no qualified application in a given year, then no award shall be made that year and the award will extend an additional year.