



2017 NCIHC Language Access Champion Award

The National Council on Interpreting in Health Care (NCIHC) is pleased to announce the call for nominations for its 2017 Language Access Champion award. The purpose of this award is to honor a person, program, or organization whose work has contributed to improving the lives of all persons through the promotion of language access in health care. NCIHC will present the award to the honoree at a special reception on Friday, June 9, 2017 at the NCIHC Annual Membership Meeting in Portland, Maine.

Nomination Process & Criteria

The NCIHC Language Access Champion award is a recognition that comes directly from NCIHC members. Persons who are submitting nominations must be NCIHC members in good standing.

To submit a nomination, there is no form to fill out. To nominate a person, program or organization for the award, send an email to info@ncihc.org by **Friday**, April 7, 2017 with the following information attached in a Word document:

- Nominator (person making the nomination)
 - * Name
 - * Position
 - * Organization/Affiliation
 - * Contact telephone number
 - * E-mail address
- Nominee (person/program/organization being recommended for award)
 - * Name (primary contact in the case of a program or organization)
 - * Position
 - * Organization/Affiliation
 - * Contact number and/or email address
- A description of the person, program or organization that demonstrates their outstanding commitment and contribution to language access.

It may be helpful to remember the NCIHC mission and vision:

The National Council on Interpreting in Health Care (NCIHC) is a multidisciplinary organization whose mission is to promote and enhance language access in health care in the United States. Our vision is that one day all people will receive the same quality of healthcare regardless of their ability to communicate in English. To this end, we promote:

- Social justice
- Respect for and acceptance of all peoples, including small communities, native peoples, and cultural communities whose tradition is oral
- The empowerment of limited-English-proficient communities
- Culturally and linguistically appropriate practices in health care



FAQs re NCIHC Language Access Champion

Who can make a nomination?

Any NCIHC member in good standing can submit a nomination.

Must the candidate be an NCIHC member? What if I am not sure if they are a member?

Candidates for the Language Access Champion Award do not have to be an NCIHC member.

Where can I find the nomination form?

There is no official nomination form. Simply submit a description of what the nominee has done to champion language access in health care, along with the title, organization, and contact information for yourself and for the candidate you are nominating.

Must the candidate be an interpreter?

The award may be given to anyone in the field of healthcare, regardless of position. Thus, Directors/Coordinators of Interpreter Services, physicians and other providers, administrative staff, managers, and other staff in addition to interpreters may be nominated. In addition, individuals in the larger healthcare arena, including but not limited to, insurers, funders, grant makers, policymakers, and other advocates, may be nominated.

How will award recipients be determined?

The selection of the award recipient will be based on the strength of the particular nomination as deemed by the NCIHC Board of Directors.

When is the deadline for nominations?

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, April 7, 2017**.

When will the award recipients be announced?

NCIHC will announce the recipients by Friday, April 14, 2017.

When will the award be presented?

NCIHC will present the awards on Friday evening, June 7, 2017 during the Interpretini Reception at the Annual Membership Meeting in Portland, Maine.

Must the honoree be present to receive the award?

While it would be ideal to have the person or representative present, it is not a requirement that the recipient appear in person to receive the award.

Who were last year's honorees?

In 2016, NCIHC honored Erika Shell Castro, Director of Interpreting Services at Language Access Network (LAN).

Prior year's Language Access Champions can be found at <http://www.ncihc.org/language-access-champions>

If you have any additional questions, please contact NCIHC Event Planning Committee info@ncihc.org.