

2026 APHL Newborn Screening Symposium Awards Nomination Portal

Thank you for submitting a nomination for the [2026 APHL Newborn Screening Awards](#)! All nominations must be submitted through the platform to be considered. Please find instructions, with screenshots, for submitting a nomination on the next page.

About the Newborn Screening Awards

We are excited to be honoring those individuals in our community who have gone above-and-beyond to support, strengthen and champion the newborn screening (NBS) system! If your colleague, peer, mentor, friend, or if a family, patient, advocate or individual in your community has made a significant impact in the realm of NBS, please consider submitting a nomination for the following awards:

- [Achievements in Public Health Informatics Award in Newborn Screening](#)
- [Clinician Champion Award in Newborn Screening](#)
- [Everyday Life Saver Award in Newborn Screening](#)
- [George Cunningham Visionary Award in Newborn Screening](#)
- [Harry Hannon Laboratory Improvement Award in Newborn Screening](#)
- [Judi Tuerck Newborn Screening Follow-up and Education Award](#)

The nomination portal will close on **Friday, July 31, 2026, at 11:59 pm EST**. Please reach out to **Dara Slavin** (dara.slavin@aphl.org) with any questions.

Instructions

To submit a nomination for the APHL Newborn Screening Awards, please navigate to:

<https://awards.aphl.org>

To submit a nomination, you will need to have an APHL online account. If you do not have an account, you can [create one here](#).

Once on the platform, you can toggle through the headers to learn more about the **Nomination Considerations**, **How to Nominate** an individual, the **Decision Process** and the **Announcement of Award**.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 2026 APHL Newborn Screening Awards Awards Nomination Portal. The header features the APHL logo on the left, the title "2026 APHL Newborn Screening Awards Awards Nomination Portal" in the center, and a small event logo on the right. Below the header is a navigation menu with the following items: Welcome, Before You Begin, Nomination Considerations, How to Nominate, Decision Process, and Announcement of Award. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a large heading "Welcome to the 2026 APHL Newborn Screening Awards Nomination Platform!" followed by a paragraph of text and a "Next" button. The right column contains a "LOGIN" section with a "User Login" button and a "KEY DATES" section with a table of dates.

KEY DATES	
Nomination period open	May 27, 2026
Nomination period close	Jul 31, 2026

Once logged in, you can start a nomination by clicking, **Nominations Dashboard** on the top right.

This screenshot shows the header of the portal after a user is logged in. The navigation menu now includes "Nominations Dashboard" on the right side, next to the user's name "Dara Slavin" and a dropdown arrow. A callout bubble with the text "Start a nomination here!" has an arrow pointing to the "Nominations Dashboard" link.

Start a
nomination
here!

On the next page, you will begin your nomination! Under the dropdown, select **APHL Newborn Screening Awards** then click **Create**.

The screenshot shows the '2026 APHL Newborn Screening Awards Nomination Portal'. The header features the APHL logo, a home icon, 'Nominations Dashboard', a notification bell, and the user name 'Dara Slavin'. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'MY NOMINATIONS', 'KEY DATES', and 'CONTACT US'. The 'MY NOMINATIONS' section includes a list of instructions, a dropdown menu with 'Select...' and a 'Create' button, and a table with columns for ID#, Nomination Name, Close Date, Status, and Action. Below the table, it states 'No nominations have been created.' The 'KEY DATES' section shows 'Nomination period open' as May 27, 2026, and 'Nomination period close' as Jul 31, 2026. The 'CONTACT US' section provides the address, phone number, and email for the Association of Public Health Laboratories. A black arrow points from the text above to the 'Create' button in the 'MY NOMINATIONS' section.

Once on the nomination page, you can begin the nomination process by clicking on the first tab, **Nominator and Nominee Information**.

The screenshot shows the 'APHL Newborn Screening Awards' nomination form. The header includes the APHL logo and the title 'APHL Newborn Screening Awards'. Below the title, there is a paragraph of instructions: 'Please read all questions carefully and answer as completely as possible. Required information is marked with an orange asterisk and must be completed in order for your nomination to be considered. Your nomination must be submitted as FINAL by 11:59pm EDT on July 31, 2026.' There are two buttons: 'Save as DRAFT' and 'Submit as FINAL'. A navigation bar contains four tabs: 'Instructions', 'Nominator and Nominee Information', 'Award Information', and 'Confirmation'. The 'Instructions' tab is active, showing a list of instructions: 'As the submitter of this form, you are the primary nominator and: You may not self-nominate, You may not ask APHL Staff to submit on your behalf, and You are the ONLY nominator who may edit this form.' There are 'Save as DRAFT', 'Submit as FINAL', and 'Next' buttons. On the right side, there is an 'APPLICANT SUMMARY' section with a download icon, showing 'Deadline: Jul 31, 2026', 'Last Modified: N/A', and 'Status:'. Below this is a 'Review Phase' dropdown menu set to 'Not Assigned' and an 'Assign to Review Phase' button. Further down is a 'KEY DATES' section with a table: 'Award Open: May 27, 2026' and 'Award Close: Jul 31, 2026'. At the bottom right, there is a 'CONTACT US' section. A black arrow points from the text above to the 'Nominator and Nominee Information' tab.

The nominator boxes will populate with most of your information. **Please fill in the rest of your information and the nominee information**, then click Next on the bottom of the page.

At any point in the nomination process, you can **Save as Draft** and come back to complete the information later. You can find your draft nomination by clicking on Nominations Dashboard.

Nominator Information	
First name*	Dara
Last name*	Slavin
Email address*	dara.plath@aphl.org
MC Trade ID	486969
Job Title	
State/Territory Newborn Screening Program or Organization	
Phone number	

Nominee Information	
First name*	Jane
Last name*	Doe
Credentials (if known)	MPH
Job Title	Laboratory Lead
State/Territory Newborn Screening Program or Organization	Lab Inc.
Email address*	jane@labinc.org

On the next page, you will be asked to choose the award you are submitting a nomination for, answer required questions and upload documentation.

A supporting statement, letter of nomination and two seconding letters of nomination are required. While supporting documentation is not required, it is highly recommended.

Award Categories	
Select the award you are submitting a nomination for*	Achievements in Public Health Informatics Award in Newborn Screening
Award Questions and Requirements	All nominations require a single supporting statement of your choice. Discuss why you believe the nominee deserves this award. Be specific by referencing the criteria of the award.*

Please use the attachment button to upload a letter of nomination of 100-200 words (English) which describes the nature of the nominee's contributions.*	Choose File No file chosen
Please use the attachment button to upload the first seconding letter of nomination of 100-200 words (English).*	Choose File No file chosen
Please use the attachment button to upload the second seconding letter of nomination of 100-200 words (English).*	Choose File No file chosen

Supporting Documentation

Resume
Choose File No file chosen

Publications
Choose File No file chosen

Presentations
Choose File No file chosen

Newsletter articles
Choose File No file chosen

Photographs of program events highlighting the individual's contributions
Choose File No file chosen

Other supporting documentation
Choose File No file chosen

At the bottom of the page, you will be asked whether you would like your nominee to be considered for another award if they are not chosen for the award you are nominating them for. You can select which award you would like them to be considered for (note: this is not required).

Additional Information

If your nominee is not selected for this award, would you like them to be considered for another award?

Yes No

Once everything has been completed, click Next. Acknowledge the two check boxes and **Submit as Final**. A pop up will confirm that the nomination has been submitted and you will receive an email confirmation.

If you would like to download a pdf copy of your nomination, navigate to the Nominations Dashboard and click Download next to your nomination. You can Edit or Withdraw your nomination up until the deadline.

Confirmation

Acknowledgment: I have read the submission requirements, confirmed eligibility for nominator and nominee, general rules and award specific qualifications. To the best of my knowledge, this nomination meets all requirements.*

Final Check: I am ready to submit this form for review.*

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Save as DRAFT Submit as FINAL

Application Saved as FINAL

Your nomination for the APHL Newborn Screening Awards has been saved as Final. You may update your nomination until 11:59pm (EDT) on July 31, 2026. For your reference, you may download a copy of your completed nomination. Please contact APHL with any questions or concerns at dara.slavin@aphl.org.

Close

ID#	Nomination Name	Close Date	Status	Action
61	APHL Newborn Screening Awards	Jul 31, 2026	FINAL	Edit Download Withdraw

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