

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 Nomination Portal. The header features the APHL 75th anniversary logo, the title "2026 APHL Newborn Screening Awards Awards Nomination Portal", and the APHL Newborn Screening Symposium 2026 logo (October 11-15, 2026 • New Orleans, LA). The navigation menu includes "Welcome", "Before You Begin", "Nomination Considerations", "How to Nominate", and "Decision Process". The main content area has a "Welcome to the 2026 APHL Newborn Screening Awards Nomination Platform!" message, a "Next" button, and a "LOGIN" section with a "User Login" button and a "create account now" link. A "KEY DATES" table is also present.

| 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.

The screenshot shows the user interface after login. The header is the same as the previous screenshot. The navigation menu now includes a home icon, "Nominations Dashboard", a speaker icon, a user profile icon for "Dara Slavin", and a help icon. A callout bubble with an arrow points 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**.

MY NOMINATIONS

- Prior to creating your nomination, please review the nomination portal instructions and considerations provided on the [Portal Homepage](#).
- To create a nomination, select the program from the dropdown list below, and click **Create**.
- To edit an existing nomination, click the **Edit** button.
- To view your nomination as it will appear to the selection committee, click on the **Download** button.

Select... **Create**

| ID# | Nomination Name | Close Date | Status | Action |
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| No nominations have been created. | | | | |

For any questions about program access or criteria, please reach out to the system administrator.

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

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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.

Save as DRAFT Submit as FINAL

Instructions Nominator and Nominee Information Award Information Confirmation

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
- You are the **ONLY** nominator who may edit this form

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APPLICANT SUMMARY

Deadline: Jul 31, 2026
Last Modified: N/A
Status:

Review Phase:
Not Assigned

Assign to Review Phase

Progress:

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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.* |

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| 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

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