

Everyday Life Saver Award in Newborn Screening

The **Everyday Life Saver Award** in Newborn Screening (NBS) shall be given on the occasion of the 2026 APHL Newborn Screening Symposium (NBSS). It will honor a person working in NBS or a provider of care, family, patient, advocate or individual as judged by the 2026 APHL NBSS Planning Committee to have made meaningful and significant contributions to the field of NBS. The intent of this award is to highlight the ongoing ways the recipient contributes to the morale of an NBS team and/or the operations of a NBS program, or ways in which the recipient champions the growth, knowledge-transfer and/or ethos of the NBS system on a daily basis. The recipient of this award may be early in their career, working part-time post-retirement or mid-career. This may include families, patients, advocates and individuals making important contributions in service of NBS. Individuals who have a direct impact on the NBS chain of custody, including collectors and custodians, are also eligible for nomination. Candidates are not required to have lifelong experience or tenure with a program, laboratory or healthcare setting to be considered.

Contributions to voluntary, proprietary screening do not qualify one for the award.

Nomination for the Award

Nomination for the **Everyday Life Saver Award** in NBS may be made by any person working in NBS activities or a consumer thereof. The nomination must be accompanied by:

1. A brief statement of entry explaining why you believe your nominee deserves this award
2. A letter of nomination of 100-200 words (English) which describes the nature of the nominee's contribution(s)
3. Two seconding letters
4. Supporting documentation such as a resume, publications, presentations, newsletter articles, photographs of program events highlighting the individual's contributions or other relevant information to demonstrate the contributions of the nominee

Previous winners of the **Everyday Life Saver Award** in NBS and the **International Society of Neonatal Screening awards** are ineligible for nomination. A person may not nominate more than one candidate per award period. Nominations, selection discussions and accompanying materials will be kept confidential by the NBSS Planning Committee except for information about the winner, which will be shared at the awards ceremony.

All nominations must be submitted through the NBS Awards Nomination Platform by **Friday, July 31, 2026**. Nominations not submitted through the platform will not be considered. Directions for submitting a nomination can be found on the platform.

Award Selection

Nominations will be solicited, and awardees will be selected by the NBSS Planning Committee of the 2026 APHL NBSS. Voting will take place on the platform.

If no nominations for outstanding contributions are received or if those nominated are deemed without merit, the Planning Committee may elect not to present an award.

Announcement of the Everyday Life Saver Award in Newborn Screening

The recipient of the **Everyday Life Saver Award** in NBS will be announced at the 2026 APHL NBSS. The announcement will be accompanied by a brief biography of the recipient and an explanation of their contributions. The recipient will have the opportunity to make a brief acceptance speech.

In advance of the awards ceremony, nominators and the award recipient will be made aware of the final decision. Please submit nominations for the award through the platform. The deadline to submit a nomination is **Friday, July 31, 2026**.