



# SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION

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## GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH PAPER AWARD

*Deadline for Application: August 8, 2011*

The Society for Public Health Education is accepting applications for its annual award for graduate research in health education and health promotion. The purpose of this award is to foster quality graduate student research and provide a mechanism by which to recognize outstanding graduate students for creative and innovative research. The recipient of this award is encouraged to submit the paper for review to one of SOPHE's two journals, *Health Education and Behavior* or *Health Promotion Practice*. The winning paper will be recognized as follows:

- \$250 cash award
- Award certificate
- Complimentary registration at the upcoming SOPHE Annual Meeting (or following Midyear Meeting)
- Presentation at the SOPHE Annual Meeting or the SOPHE Midyear Meeting (student is responsible for travel expenses) of the research upon which the award is based
- Recognition of the award in SOPHE's newsletter, *News & Views* and website.

### ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Academic Requirements: Students enrolled in a graduate degree program in health education within two years of the submission deadline are eligible for this award.
2. National SOPHE Membership or chapter SOPHE member at time of application (visit <http://www.sophe.org> to join).
3. The research must be submitted for consideration of publication in the form of a manuscript suitable for publication in either *Health Education & Behavior* ([http://www.sophe.org/Health\\_Education.cfm](http://www.sophe.org/Health_Education.cfm)) or *Health Promotion Practice* ([http://www.sophe.org/Health\\_Promotion\\_Practice.cfm](http://www.sophe.org/Health_Promotion_Practice.cfm)) Publication guidelines are included in each journal issue and online.
4. Faculty Sponsorship Form from the student's faculty advisor, who must be a SOPHE member in good standing. The form must verify:
  - a. The student is following a course of study in health education or has completed degree requirements within the past two years
  - b. The submitted paper represents the student's original work
  - c. The research was conducted in accordance with the Code of Ethics of the Health Education Profession, Article V: Responsibility in Research and Evaluation.
5. Applicants must indicate their willingness to present the paper at the SOPHE Annual Meeting or the SOPHE Midyear Meeting (student is responsible for travel expenses).

### REVIEW CRITERIA

Papers will be reviewed by the SOPHE Awards Committee for their scientific rigor and contribution to health education research and practice. Specific criteria include:

- **Problem:** Importance of the research question

- **Ideas:** Theoretical base and conceptual contribution
- **Approach:** Adequacy and sensitivity of research design and methods, and adherence to ethical standards including demonstration of Institutional Review Board approval
- **Findings:** Contribution to existing knowledge
- **Presentation of data:** Clear presentation of quantitative or qualitative data linked to the research objectives and research problem
- **Organization:** Logical organization of the manuscript
- **Contribution** to health education research
- **Contribution** to health education

*Note that winners are not automatically published. Award recipients must submit their manuscript to the Editorial Boards of the journals for review.*

#### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Application materials must be received by the SOPHE office on the due date. Application materials must be assembled by the applicant and delivered as a single submission.

Materials may be mailed or faxed:

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Questions: Nicolette Warren [nwarren@sophe.org](mailto:nwarren@sophe.org)

*Awards are recommended by the SOPHE Awards Committee and approved by the Executive Committee.*

# GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

## Application Form

*Deadline: August 1, 2011*

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Academic Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Sought or Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Date Degree Completed (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Institution Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

SOPHE Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_



### APPLICATION CHECK LIST



- Completed "Application Form"
- Completed "Faculty Sponsorship Form"
- Research Paper (including all required elements)
- Evidence of National SOPHE membership or SOPHE chapter membership
- Student is willing to present research at an upcoming SOPHE meeting

**SOPHE Graduate Student Research Paper**

Faculty Sponsorship Form

*Deadline: August 1, 2011*

**Faculty Sponsor Contact Information:**

Faculty Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

SOPHE Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Information:**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Student's Paper: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ The student is following a course of graduate study in health education or has completed degree requirements within the past two years.

\_\_\_\_\_ The submitted paper represents the student's original work.

\_\_\_\_\_ The research was conducted in accordance with the Code of Ethics of the Health Education Profession, Article V: Responsibility in Research and Evaluation.

**Signature:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Faculty Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return this completed form to the student applicant so he/she may include it with his/her other application materials.

*Thank you for your support of this student. This application does not allow for additional statements or letters of support from the Faculty Sponsor.*