



Association of Black Health-system Pharmacists, Inc
(Legislative Achievement Award proposed change)

The Mickey Leland Political Achievement Award

Entry deadline: **March 30**

The Mickey Leland Political Achievement Award, named for the noted pharmacist and senator from Texas, honors an individual, a team of individuals, or an organization that has performed special service in state or national political and legislative affairs that strengthen, improve, and further the interests of the ABHP and pharmacists in general. This award will be given to those individuals who best personify the spirit of Mickey Leland and whose work will have a significant impact on the community at large. This award recognizes outstanding service in the area of political and legislative action during a single association year or over an extended period of time. Nominees should reflect the ABHP vision and values as continually demonstrated in their outstanding legislative contributions at their state or national level.

Criteria

Nominees must have worked in connection with legislative and political matters to further the mission and vision of the ABHP, and pharmacists in general, in one or more of the following areas:

- Fund solicitation or contributions to the association or political action committee whose activities further the opportunities for ABHP members and pharmacists in general.
- Hosting and/or attending political action fund-raisers,
- Participating in local, state, or national campaign efforts,
- Participating in the passage of legislation beneficial to the professional advancement of pharmacists,
- Lobbying activities beneficial to the mission and objectives of ABHP and the professional advancement of pharmacists,
- Involvement in training, guiding, and nurturing of those who become involved in the political process,
- Coordinating letter writing campaigns or phone trees on important issues,
- Testimony on issues of concern to the pharmacy profession.

Nominees who are pharmacists must be a member in active status and good standing of the ABHP.

Ineligible

- An individual, a team of individuals, or an organization who has been awarded the Legislative or Political Achievement Award within the last five years.
- Paid lobbyists.

Nomination Process

1. Nominations may come from individual ABHP members, ABHP officers, colleagues, and individuals familiar with the legislative achievements and political action efforts of the nominee.
2. Nominations may be submitted electronically to ABHP by March 1. An appointed Selection Committee will be convened to choose the recipient of the award.
3. The Selection Committee shall have the discretion to present the award or not to present the award on a yearly basis.
4. Committee and related expenses shall be the responsibility of ABHP.
5. The award, if given, will be presented at the annual meeting of the ABHP Opening Session.

The award shall be a plaque recognizing the significant achievement made by the individual, group, or organization in the area of legislative and political action.