



# 2026 Annual TB Awards: Call for Nominations

This is the 17th year that the National TB Coalition of America (NTCA) will honor individuals for their dedication and distinguished service in the field of tuberculosis (TB). Read more about the award categories below and consider nominating a colleague, an organization, or yourself. **The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, March 20, 2026.**

## NTCA ANNUAL TB AWARD CATEGORIES

**TB Program Manager of the Year** – This is the National Tuberculosis Coalition of America’s highest award. It recognizes an outstanding contribution and impact on tuberculosis prevention and control at the local, state, regional, or national level. The award recognizes what tuberculosis controllers are all about!

**Carol Pozsik TB Nurse Award** – This award honors exemplary care, service, dedication, or leadership in the field of public health tuberculosis nursing.

**William Stead TB Clinician Award** – This award recognizes outstanding commitment and performance by a clinician providing tuberculosis care, leadership, or mentoring.

**TB Data Stewardship Award** – The Society for Epidemiology in TB Control (SETC), NTCA’s section for epidemiologists, has introduced a new award in 2025 to recognize the outstanding work of a public health epidemiologist, surveillance coordinator, program evaluator, informatician, data manager, or other person working with tuberculosis program data to support and improve public health practice. Nominees working in health departments at all jurisdictional levels are eligible.

**Robert Koch TB Researcher Award** – This award recognizes an outstanding contribution with a clinical, epidemiological, or academic focus by a tuberculosis researcher or tuberculosis research organization working to eliminate tuberculosis.

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**Ed Desmond TB Laboratorian Award** – This award honors exemplary service, dedication, or leadership by a tuberculosis laboratory professional.

**Dixie Snider Award** – This award recognizes a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) employee who has provided outstanding support, through partnership with a state or local tuberculosis community, in the interest of tuberculosis control and prevention.

**Charles DeGraw TB Advocacy Award** – This award recognizes an individual or organization for making an outstanding effort or achievement advocating for increased support and recognition of tuberculosis control and prevention efforts.

**Joe Ware TB Partner Service Award** – This award recognizes an individual or organization that has made a significant effort and/or contribution to the mission of tuberculosis control and prevention through partnership activities with public health tuberculosis programs. (*Note: Nominations for this award should be submitted by a TB program at the state, big city, local, or territorial level.*)

**Unsung TB Hero Award** – This award recognizes those within our tuberculosis programs working on the front lines, regardless of their professional training, who daily dedicate themselves to quality patient care and protecting our public's health. The individuals eligible for nomination for this award conduct contact investigations, educate the community about tuberculosis, provide directly observed therapy (DOT) services, build relationships of trust and respect with those they serve, and are the heart and soul of many public health tuberculosis programs.

## HOW TO MAKE AN AWARD NOMINATION

Nominations can be submitted by anyone, and nominees do not need to be members of NTCA. [You can review a list of previous award recipients here.](#)

- Use the [online form](#) to submit your nomination
- Submit your nomination by Friday, March 20, 2026

The link to the online nomination form, list of previous award recipients, and this announcement are available on the NTCA Awards landing page on the NTCA website at <https://tbcontrollers.org/ntca-2/awards/>.

If you have any questions about the 2026 NTCA awards, please email [Donna Hope Wegener, NTCA](mailto:Donna.Hope.Wegener@nationaltbcoalition.org) ([dhwegener@nationaltbcoalition.org](mailto:dhwegener@nationaltbcoalition.org))