



The **HealthMPowers Champion Award** was established in honor of HealthMPowers' founders, E. Andrew Isakson and Mary Johnson. The award recognizes individuals who “go the extra mile” in promoting, supporting and enhancing health, nutrition and physical activity in their school to create a healthier school, as well as healthier students, staff and families.

Founded in 2000, HealthMPowers has served 117,096 students in 145 schools across Georgia and has worked to motivate and empower those who develop the policies and programs needed to improve and maintain a healthy school environment. During this time, improvements in student health knowledge and behaviors have been realized, along with improvements in staff wellness, school health programming and health policies. These successes were achieved through the dedication, support, work and leadership of **champions** within HealthMPowers participating schools.

We encourage you to **ACT NOW AND NOMINATE** a deserving teacher, administrator, parent student or other health advocate from your school or community in hopes that they might be recognized and honored for dedicating their time and talents to improve the health and well-being of others. HealthMPowers realizes that empowering health within an individual or school does not happen without great people leading the effort. This requires change agents who are dedicated to making a positive difference in their school and community. The nomination may be based on a single, significant work or the culmination of multiple works.

Categories:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> School Employee | <input type="checkbox"/> Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Administrator | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Member | |

Qualifications for the HealthMPowers Champion Award:

Nominees must meet following criteria:

- Demonstrated outstanding leadership in the promotion of school health for at least two years
- Trained, encouraged, and/or mentored students, staff and/or families on health issues
- Promoted student and staff health which resulted in new changes to school health programming or policies
- Maintained professional integrity in all aspects of performance
- Demonstrated evidence of the impact or health change within the school.

Nomination Information:

Nomination Forms are available for download at www.healthmpowers.org or by contacting HealthMPowers at 770-817-1733. Nominations must be typewritten and may be submitted via mail to HealthMPowers, 3200 Pointe Parkway, Suite 400, Norcross, GA 30092 or emailed to: info@healthmpowers.org and include the following information:

1. Completed HealthMPowers Champions Award Nomination Form
2. Supplemental information that illustrates the nominees' contributions to the community (news articles, pictures, brochures, etc.) (Optional)
3. All nomination materials submitted will become the property of HealthMPowers and will not be returned. Fax submissions will not be accepted.

Selection/Recognition Process:

Nominations will be reviewed by an Award Selection Committee, a diverse group of HealthMPowers staff, Board members and partners.

Award recipients will be required to submit a photograph, brief bio, and sign a media release form. Recipients will be notified by HealthMPowers in April 2010.

Award Nomination Due: March 1, 2010

Award Presentations: May 2010

Award winners will receive a plaque and be recognized by HealthMPowers staff at a local school or Board meeting. Winners will also be recognized on the HealthMPowers web-site, annual report, and e-newsletter.