CDC FOUNDATION
Fries Awards for Health

Nomination Information

Nominations for the James and Sarah Fries Prize for Improving Health and/or the Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award should be submitted online. Self-nominations are not permitted. The Fries Awards Jury may request additional information if necessary, following submission of your nomination.

Letters of intent to nominate are encouraged (but not required) by January 31 at 11:59 PM EST each year. To submit a letter of intent, please use the appropriate online form below to state who you plan to nominate, for which award, and why you feel this nominee is a good candidate for the award (not to exceed 175 words.)

James and Sarah Fries Prize for Improving Health: INTENT TO NOMINATE FORM

- Nominators should be able to demonstrate the **societal impact** of the nominee's work within the nomination.

Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award: INTENT TO NOMINATE FORM

- Nominators should be able to demonstrate **how the nominee's work has provided education of the public** that improves health and/or behavior within the nomination.

Nominations will be accepted through April 4 at 11:59P PM EST each year. To submit a nomination, please provide the following information **via the appropriate online nomination portal link below**:

James and Sarah Fries Prize for Improving Health: NOMINATION FORM

- Nominators should be able to demonstrate the **societal impact** of the nominee's work within the nomination. The nomination must include data and/or literature that provides quantified evidence of the population-based impact of the nominee's work.

Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award: NOMINATION FORM

- Nominators should be able to demonstrate **how the nominee's work has provided education of the public** that improves health, systems, and/or behavior within the nomination. This should include evidence of the health and/or behavioral impact of the nominee's work.

1. TITLE:
    - Nomination of [Individual] for the [James and Sarah Fries Prize for Improving Health OR Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award].

2. NOMINEE:
    - Full Name with credentials
    - Title
    - Organization
    - Address
    - Telephone number (check if cell/office/home)
    - Email address
    - Optional CC email address (assistant)

3. NOMINATOR:
    - Full Name with credentials
    - Title
    - Organization
    - Address
    - Telephone number (check if cell/office/home)
    - Email address
    - Optional CC email address (assistant)

4. BRIEF SUMMARY OF IMPACT:
    - A clear and concise synopsis describing the individual's contribution, including its importance, and the exact role of the nominee in achieving the indicated public health benefit. This serves as a quotable summary of the achievements of the individual. Please provide in **no more than 50 words**.

5. FULL SUMMARY: (not to exceed 350-word count)
    - A clear and concise synopsis describing the nominee's contribution, including its importance, impact, and the role of the nominee.

      For all James and Sarah Fries Prize for Improving Health nominations, please be sure to include **the evidence** of the societal impact of their work in the full summary.

      For all Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award nominations, please be sure to include how the nominee's work has **provided education of the public that improves health, systems, and/or behavior** in the full summary**.**

6. DESCRIPTION: (not to exceed 350-word count)
   - A concise description of the specific area (opportunity or challenge) that the accomplishment addresses, including a discussion of the rationale for and development of the accomplishment, degree of originality and/or innovation, and noteworthy collaborators.

   - For all James and Sarah Fries Prize for Improving Health nominations, please be sure to demonstrate the **societal impact** of the nominee's work within the nomination. The nomination must include data and/or literature that provide quantified evidence of the population-based impact of the nominee's work.

     For all Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award nominations, please be sure to also include how the nominee's work has provided **education of the public** that improves health, systems, and/or behavior in the description.

     For both awards, the nomination **MUST describe the role of the nominee specifically in this work** and should discuss any noteworthy collaborators, if applicable.

7. DOCUMENTATION:
   - Provide documentation of the nominee's accomplishments, including references and citations demonstrating the importance of the contribution and its suitability for the prize. (Not to exceed 350 words.)

8. SUPPORTING MATERIALS: (Please upload these documents to the application)
   - Letter of support ONE (not to exceed 350 words) from an individual other than the official nominator, who is not an institutional colleague of the nominee.
   - Letter of support TWO (not to exceed 350 words) from an individual other than the official nominator, who is not an institutional colleague of the nominee.
   - An abridged curriculum vitae (CV) of the nominee; not to exceed 350 words.
   - A listing of the titles of ten selected seminal articles or other communications, if appropriate. Not to exceed 350 words.
   - An unabridged CV (or more comprehensive document) to serve as a resource, if necessary, for the Fries Awards Jury.

SPECIAL NOTES:
- Additional supplementary materials will not be considered.
- The Fries Foundation Board and Fries Awards Jury strongly discourage nominators from collaborating with nominees during the nomination process.

For additional information on the CDC Foundation Fries Awards for Health and details regarding the James and Sarah Fries Prize for Improving Health or the Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award, including past awardees, please visit: **https://www.cdcfoundation.org/fries-awards.**

If you have questions, please contact FriesAwardsForHealth@cdcfoundation.org.

FAQs:

Can one of the two required letters of support be from the official nominator? No, the two letters of support should be from two individuals OTHER THAN the nominator. The two letters of support should not be from an institutional colleague of the nominee.

Is the winner required to attend the associated conference where the award is presented? Yes, and must give a presentation.

May I nominate someone again? Yes, up to three times.

Can I nominate myself? No, we do not accept self-nominations.

Can I nominate someone for both the James and Sarah Fries Prize for Improving Health and the Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award in the same year?
No. Nominators should only nominate a nominee for **either** the James and Sarah Fries Prize for Improving Health **OR** the Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award in any given year, but not both. Please read the eligibility criteria for each award closely to determine which award the nominee is a better fit for.

Do nomination materials need to be in English?
Yes, all materials must be submitted in English. If part of the nomination package (such as a letter of support) is not in English, please provide a high-resolution PDF of that document that can be easily translated electronically.

Where to Submit a Nomination:

Intent to Nominate declarations and Nominations for the James and Sarah Fries Prize for Improving Health and the Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award should be submitted electronically to the CDC Foundation via the online forms on this web page. As of November 2024, nominations will no longer be accepted via email or mail.

About the Awards

The late Dr. James F. Fries, formerly professor emeritus of medicine at Stanford University, came up with the idea for the James and Sarah Fries Prize for Improving Health in a 1987 ascent of Nepal's Makalu—one of the world's highest peaks—when his party became trapped in a severe snowstorm and was ultimately unable to scale the mountain. Following that experience, Dr. Fries returned to sea level and set about establishing a foundation to support a Nobel-like prize for health that now annually awards a $100,000 prize to an outstanding leader judged by an expert panel to have done the greatest good for the greatest number of people in the field of health. In 1992 the Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award was established in honor of Elizabeth Fries, daughter of James and Sarah Fries.

The $50,000 prize is awarded annually to an individual judged to have made substantial contributions to their area of health education and health promotion. Sarah Fries remained active in the Fries Awards for Health program until her death in May 2017, and Jim Fries remained active in the awards until his death in November 2021.

The CDC Foundation is honored to partner with the James F. and Sarah T. Fries Foundation, which established and funds the award. As of 2016, the CDC Foundation manages and administers the Fries Awards for Health program, which includes the James and Sarah Fries Prize for Improving Health and the Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award.