



Bernard J. Tyson Award  
PURSUIT OF  
HEALTHCARE EQUITY

# 2026 Application Preview\*

## Bernard J. Tyson National Award for Pursuit of Healthcare Equity

Organizations are encouraged to submit applications that describe initiatives that addressed specific disparities in health care processes or patient outcomes, implemented a well-defined intervention, and achieved a measurable, sustained reduction in disparities. **Applications that do not document measurable improvement will not be considered.** Applicants must be United States-based (including US Territories and military bases). Application period is January 6 to March 9 at 11:59 p.m. CT.

**\*PDF for reference only; all submissions must be entered directly into the online platform.**

### CONTACT AND ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

- Submitter name, contact information and email.
- Leadership-level contact (CEO, executive director) name and email
- Organization name
- Physical address, website

### INITIATIVE SPECIFICS

- Name/title of initiative. (limit 250 characters, including spaces)
- Executive summary. **This section should be written similar to a journal abstract.** Provide a brief summary of the initiative's equity-related achievements and the importance of these achievements, including their specific impact to reduce healthcare disparities, improve health equity, and improve health care outcomes. (limit 2,500 characters, including spaces; approximately 1 single-spaced page)
- Describe the healthcare disparity (healthcare equity problem/opportunity) that was the target for the improvement initiative and the importance of this target population to your organization. This section should include your baseline measurement/data used to determine the disparity/gap. (limit 2,500 characters, including spaces; approximately 1 single spaced page)
- Explain what factors you identified as the causes of the disparity and possible targets for your intervention(s) to reduce the disparity. (Limit 2,500 characters, including spaces; approximately 1 single spaced page.)
- Describe how you engaged your team, target population, and other interested parties throughout the initiative. (limit 1,250 characters, including spaces; approximately 1/2 single spaced page)
- Describe the interventions and how they were implemented. Specifically, describe the improvement methodology and tools used, strategy adjustments, evidence-based best practices employed, change management strategy). (limit 2,500 characters, including spaces; approximately 1 single-spaced page)
- Describe measurable improvement(s) achieved for the targeted disparity. Support this section with narrative data points. Illustrate improvements in care processes, health outcomes, and/or experience of care. Compare the data post-intervention(s) to the data used to establish the baseline and substantiate improvement. (limit 2,500 characters, including spaces; approximately 1 single spaced page)
- Describe how the improvements achieved were sustained and any processes implemented to monitor and ensure that the improvement will be sustained in the future. Include the most recent available data. (limit 2,500 characters, including spaces; approximately 1 single spaced page)
- Describe how the interventions/solutions were (or could be) replicated (implemented/disseminated) by other parts of your organization or other facilities. Share experiences or suggestions on how others could implement. (limit 1,250 characters, including spaces; approximately 1/2 single spaced page)
- Describe how the project/initiative represents an innovation or novel approach. (limit 1,250 characters, including spaces; approximately 1/2 single spaced page)
- Applicants should upload a Supplemental Document, exclusively containing Figures and/or Tables that substantiate baseline, improvement, and sustained results. Limit seven (7) pages total; combine all supplemental documentation within one 7-page PDF document.