

Worksite Health Awards and Certifications



Healthy workplaces provide great benefits for business and population health. Greater productivity, higher individual and organizational performance, lower absenteeism and presenteeism, decreased health care costs, along with higher employee morale are just a few of the wide breadth of benefits your business will gain by being healthy. Along with benefits within the company, committing to be a healthy organization is taking a vital step towards changing everyday lives and behaviors in order to reverse negative health trends that our nation is experiencing. The workplace is an excellent way to reach out to citizens and initiate that first step towards better population health. Below are some awards and certification programs that publicly recognize companies that are committed to fostering healthy cultures within the working environment.

Mayor's Health and Fitness Council Partner Certification Program

This program is a mutually beneficial workplace wellness program for Austin-based organizations of all types and sizes. By becoming either a Standard or Gold Certified Partner, organizations get recognition for having comprehensive, promising practices and evidence-based workplace policies.

Fees: none

More information: <http://www.mhfaustin.org/partner-certification-program.html>

The CEO Cancer Gold Standard

The *CEO Cancer Gold Standard*[™] provides a framework for employers to have a healthier workplace by focusing on cancer risk reduction, early detection, and access to clinical trials and high-quality care. Organizations must demonstrate a health culture that values, supports and promotes a healthy lifestyle and provides the support needed when a diagnosis of cancer becomes a reality.

Fees: none

More information: <http://www.cancergoldstandard.org/what-is->

American Heart Association Fit-Friendly Worksites Recognition

The American Heart Association recognizes employers who go above and beyond when it comes to their employees' health. AHA wants to reward organizations for their progressive leadership and concern for their staff.

Fees: none

More information: http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/GettingHealthy/WorkplaceWellness/Fit-FriendlyWorksites/Fit-FriendlyWorksites-Recognition_UCM_460612_Article.jsp

National Business Group on Health Awards Program: Best Employers for Healthy Lifestyles

This award acknowledges and rewards organizations that apply creative solutions to improving the health of employees. This award program has recognized over 150 U.S. corporations for their commitment to promoting healthy work environments. Must be a Fortune 500 company, listed in the top 100 of Forbes America's Largest Private Companies, or have at least 5,000 employees.

Fees: -\$500 non-refundable fee to access application, \$1,500 for the Best Employers for Healthy Lifestyles application

More information: <https://www.businessgrouphealth.org/>

Institute for Health and Performance Globally: Value-Based Health Award

This award is based on criteria including culture of health, process and implementation, program design, measurement, provider/stakeholder relations, and communication/branding of a health program of an organization..

Fees: none

More information: <http://www.ihpm.org/ihpm-awards/value-based-health/>

Alliance for Workplace Excellence: Health and Wellness Trailblazer Seal of Approval Award

This Alliance for Workplace (AWE) award seeks to recognize employers that demonstrate superior commitment to the health and wellness of their employees and by the implementation of progressive programs.

Fees: none

More information: <http://www.excellentworkplace.org/awards-health.html>

Institute for Health and Performance Globally: Corporate Health and Productivity Management Award

The CHPM Award acknowledges organizations that have exhibited the Health and Productivity Management model in an excellent manner. Businesses that apply must also demonstrate measurably improved productivity and competitiveness from the improved health status of their employees.

Fees: none

More information: <http://www.ihpm.org/ihpm-awards/chpm/>

Fit Company

Fit Company events promote excitement about health and fitness in companies. The fun and unique events also inspire employees to participate in fitness activities, and provide an experience that they will never forget. These events are invite-only and nominations are excepted for business leaders and companies that make health and fitness a top priority.

Fees: none

More information: <http://fitcompany.com/>

Healthiest Employer Award

The Healthiest Employer awards program recognizes organizations that are committed to creating a healthy workplace. Wellness programs will be evaluated based on leadership commitment, foundational components, planning, communication and marketing, intervention methods, and reporting and analysis.

Fees: none

More information: <http://healthiestemployers.com/awards/about-wellness-award/>

**Corporate Health
Achievement Award**

This award recognizes organizations that exemplify outstanding health, safety, and environment programs. Past awards have been given to deserving organizations in manufacturing and service sectors such as city health departments, federal agencies, and healthcare. The application is now available to small businesses of 500 employees or more.

Fees: none

More information: <http://www.chaa.org/>

**The American
Psychological
Association:
The Psychologically Healthy
Workplace Awards**

These awards are designed to recognize organizations for their efforts to foster employee health and well-being while enhancing organizational performance. There are three different types of recognition: The Local Psychologically Healthy Workplace Award, the National Psychologically Healthy Workplace Award, and the Best Practices Honors.

Fees: none

More information: <http://www.apaexcellence.org/awards/>

**Greater Austin
Business Awards:
Higginbotham Health and
Wellness Award**

Recognized by the Austin Chamber, this award is given to deserving Austin-based businesses of any size or industry type that best encourage a well-balanced healthy lifestyle for their employees.

Fees: none

More information: <http://members.austinchamber.com/events/2015-Greater-Austin-Business-Awards-1465/details>

**WELCOA Well
Workplace Awards**

Application criteria for the WELCOA Well Workplace Awards is based upon progressive development and implementation of an organization's wellness initiative within context of 7 critical benchmarks shown to produce results in organizations of all sizes and industry types.

Fees: none

More information: <https://www.welcoa.org/services/recognize/well-workplace-awards/>

**C. Everett Koop
National Health Awards**

The Koop Awards recognize outstanding worksite health promotion and improvement programs. The awards aim to recognize organizations that have documented health improvements AND cost savings.

Fees: none

More information: thehealthproject.com/award-information/