



2023 Bernard J. Tyson Award Eligibility Checklist

Organizational Requirements

- The **organization submitting the application must deliver direct patient care**. If a group of organizations or a collaborative is applying, it can include non-clinical partners.
- Health care organizations do not need to be accredited to apply.
- Kaiser Permanente care sites are not eligible for this award.

Initiative Eligibility

- Achieved a measurable, sustained reduction in one or more healthcare disparities
- Addressed specific disparity/ies
- Targeted a specific vulnerable population (e.g., race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, etc).
- Can document measurable improvement (in terms of processes of care, health outcomes, and/or experience of care) with strong data/proof including
 - Baseline data to show initiative starting point
 - Data that show baseline metrics improved for target population
 - Data that show the improvement was sustained
- Can explain the intervention employed (this can include the methodology used; for example, PDSA, Lean/Six Sigma, PDCA; Change Management)
- Can describe why this project/initiative was innovative or novel (not yet standard health care or industry practice)
- Will allow The Joint Commission to share your application, in part or in whole, so that other organizations can learn best-practices and improvement strategies.

2023 Application Preview*

Bernard J. Tyson National Award for Excellence in 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.** The application period is March 15, 2023 through May 10, 2023 at 11:59pm Central Time.

**This PDF is for reference only; all submissions must be entered directly into the SurveyMonkey Apply online platform in order to complete the application.*

CONTACT AND ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

- Submitter Name and Contact Information
- Leadership-level Contact (CEO, Executive Director) Name and Email
- Organization Name
- Physical Address, Web Site

INITIATIVE SPECIFICS

- Name/Title of Initiative (limit 250 characters, including spaces)
- Executive Summary of Initiative (*limit 2,500 characters, including spaces; approximately 1 single-spaced page*). **This section should be written similar to a journal abstract** with a few sentences addressing key concepts related to the project.
- Describe the healthcare disparity that was the target for the improvement initiative and the importance of this target for the population your organization serves (*limit 2,500 characters, including spaces; approximately 1 single spaced page*).
- Describe how the healthcare disparity was identified at your organization and your baseline measurement of the disparity. **Be sure to provide baseline data demonstrating the healthcare disparity in the targeted population.** (limit 1,250 characters, including spaces; approximately 1/2 single spaced page)
- Explain what factors you identified as the causes of the disparity and possible targets for your intervention to reduce the disparity. (limit 2,500 characters, including spaces; approximately 1 single spaced page).
- Describe team and stakeholder engagement throughout the initiative (limit 1,250 characters, including spaces; approximately 1/2 single spaced page).
- Describe the intervention/solution and its implementation (limit 2,500 characters, including spaces; approximately 1 single-spaced page).
- Describe measurable improvement(s) in the targeted disparity. **Illustrate improvements in processes of care, health outcomes, and/or experience of care; i.e., results tables, statistical tests, run charts, and other quantitative methods.** (limit 2,500 characters, including spaces; approximately 1 single spaced page).
- Describe whether the improvements achieved were sustained and any processes put in place to monitor and ensure that the improvement will be sustained in the future (limit 2,500 characters, including spaces; approximately 1 single spaced page).
- Describe how the interventions/solutions were replicated (disseminated) to other parts of the organization or other care sites (limit 1,250 characters, including spaces; approximately 1/2 single spaced page).
- Describe innovative aspects of the work, including principles applicable to other disparities; any lessons learned that may be beneficial to other organizations (limit 1,250 characters, including spaces; approximately 1/2 single spaced page).

OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENT UPLOAD

- Applicants can upload a Supplemental Document of up to seven (7) pages of Tables and/or Figures. Applicants must reference each figure/table within their narrative responses to link the information.

PROJECT LEAD BIOSKETCH

- Upload a biosketch for the initiative's lead (two-page limit).