

*2024 Application Preview**
**Bernard J. Tyson National Award for
Excellence in Pursuit of Healthcare Equity**



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National Award for
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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 5 through April 30 at 11:59 p.m. CT.

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

CONTACT AND ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

- Submitter name and 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 of initiative. **This section should be written similar to a journal abstract** with a few sentences addressing key concepts related to the project. (limit 2,500 characters, including spaces; approximately 1 single-spaced page)
- Describe the healthcare disparity that was the target for the improvement initiative and the importance of this target population to your organization. Articulate the health equity problem/opportunity addressed and its importance. (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.** (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(s) 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 data to illustrate improvements in care processes, health outcomes, and/or care experience (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 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 by (implemented/disseminated) to other parts of your organization or other facilities. (limit 1,250 characters, including spaces; approximately 1/2 single spaced page)
- Describe innovative aspects of the work including principles that are applicable to other disparities and/or any lessons learned that may be beneficial to other organizations. Describe the lessons your team learned, and the tools, strategies, and methodologies that other organizations could adapt and adopt to achieve similar results. (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 (short biographical statement with credentials and title for initiative's lead). (two-page limit)



2024 Bernard J. Tyson Award Eligibility Checklist

Organizational Requirements

- The **lead 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 applying for the award that operate in settings for which Joint Commission has accreditation/certification programs must be accredited/certified by The Joint Commission to be eligible.
- Kaiser Permanente care sites are not eligible for this award.

Initiative Eligibility

- Initiative planned to address specific disparity/ies
- Initiative targeted a specific vulnerable population (e.g., race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, socioeconomic status, etc).
- Measurable, sustained (>6 months) improvement (in terms of processes of care, health outcomes, and/or experience of care) was achieved and documented 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
- Intervention(s) implemented are well-defined (Tools, Strategies)
- Improvement methodology can be described (for example, PDSA, Lean/Six Sigma, PDCA; Change Management)
- Initiative was innovative or novel (not yet standard health care or industry practice)
- Your organization will permit The Joint Commission to share your application, in part or in whole, to inspire organizations and share best-practices and improvement strategies.