

# Dos and Don'ts for applying for the Bernard J. Tyson National Award for Excellence in Pursuit of Healthcare Equity

Thinking about applying for the new Bernard J. Tyson National Award for Excellence in Pursuit of Healthcare Equity? Here are some helpful dos and don'ts on how to make sure your application is sent correctly!

## DO



Submit applications that describe efforts that:

- Addressed **specific** disparities in care processes or outcomes.
- Implemented a **well-defined** intervention.
- Found **measurable, sustained reductions** in the specific disparity.



Register for an account on the award platform to start your application:

- Provide first and last name and email address.
- Verify email address.



Include the following information:

- Submitter's name and contact information.
- Leadership-level name (such as a CEO or executive director) and contact information.
- Organization's name.
- Physical address and website address.



Include information in the application about:

- Baseline data.
- Improvements after implementing the intervention(s).
- Sustained reductions in the disparity after the initial implementation period.



Remember you have a 7-page limit for supplemental documents including tables, figures, or graphic representations of your initiative. Applicants must reference each figure or table within their written responses to link the information.

## DON'T



Submit an application that did not achieve measurable effects on care processes or outcomes.



Hit the submit button without double checking your responses! There is a character limit for each question in the application and an automated counter. However, be careful and make sure that none of your answers are truncated.



Forget to include a biosketch for the lead of the initiative. This can be a maximum of 2 pages.



Wait. The application period is now open, but it closes Aug 6. Don't miss your chance to showcase your organization's efforts in reducing health care disparities.



**DID YOU KNOW?** Projects targeting a vulnerable population with known disparities are eligible even if they do not have an internal comparison group.



**DID YOU KNOW?** To be considered, the applicant organization must deliver direct patient care. And if a group of organizations or a collaborative is applying, it can include nonclinical partners.



**DID YOU KNOW?** You can get familiar with the application by checking out the preview page on The Joint Commission's website at <https://www.jointcommission.org/resources/awards/the-bernard-tyson-award-for-excellence-in-pursuit-of-healthcare-equity/>.