

Illinois Environmental Health Association

“Tom Chojnacki”

NEHA Annual Educational  
Conference Stipend Award  
Application



For the 2023 NEHA Annual Educational Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana



# The “Tom Chojnacki” NEHA Annual Educational Conference Stipend Award

The award is conferred annually to a deserving member of the Illinois Environmental Health Association (IEHA) who aspires to the professionalism that Tom Chojnacki modeled and promoted throughout his environmental health.

Tom Chojnacki demonstrated so many qualities for younger sanitarians with whom he worked, but one of the finest was that of the Coach. He was driven to coach and enable others to excel. He strongly encouraged sanitarians to attend training seminars conducted by IEHA, National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and Illinois Public Health Association (IPHA) among others. He was very supportive for those furthering their education and he promoted tuition reimbursement plans for that purpose.

Tom also modeled the physical, mental, spiritual, and social-emotional balance possessed by most of our wise leaders. He insisted on the family first, and then time for other endeavors. Tom was just as comfortable and effective coaching the foodservice worker as he was imparting his wisdom to the hospital president, board of directors or state legislature.

The IEHA Tom Chojnacki NEHA Stipend for the Annual Educational Conference was established to finance one IEHA member’s expenses to attend the National Environmental Health Association Annual Educational Conference (AEC).

The stipend may be used for such expenses as airfare, up to five nights lodging at the conference hotel, full AEC registration, and \$150.00 meal allowance for attendance at the 2023 NEHA AEC.

Applicants must meet the following conditions to be eligible:

- The applicant must be an IEHA member in good standing.
- The applicant must be working full-time in the Environmental Health field.
- The applicant must complete the application form on the next page and complete all the requirements listed there.
- Full-time college students, either undergraduate or graduate, are not eligible for this award.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have never attended the NEHA AEC and who have never previously received the Tom Chojnacki Stipend Award::
- The application deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>

Questions? Contact the IEHA Office:

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Fax: (866) 760-6873  
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# Illinois Environmental Health Association

# Application Form

## Tom Chojnacki NEHA Stipend Award

For the 2023 National Environmental Health Association Annual Educational Conference.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Affiliation:       North       Central       South       Out of State

On a separate sheet, submit a typed essay of 500 words or less explaining 1) what the applicant will gain professionally and personally and 2) how the applicant will apply the knowledge gained from attending to his or her job duties. The application deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>,

- I agree that if I am selected, I will write an article about my experiences at the NEHA AEC for the September 2023 issue of the IEHA News.
- I attest that I am a current IEHA member in good standing (Current membership is required for all applicants).
- I am a current NEHA member.       I am not a NEHA member.

*Form continued on the other side*

I last attended the NEHA AEC in (list year or if never, write never): \_\_\_\_\_

I last received the Tom Chojnacki Award in (list year or if never, write never): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send the completed application with all attachments to the IEHA Office (email and fax submissions are accepted):

Illinois Environmental Health Association  
ATTN: Awards  
P.O. Box 164  
Wauconda, IL 60084

Phone: (847) 886-7008

Fax: (847) 416-4749

Email: [iehaoffice1@gmail.com](mailto:iehaoffice1@gmail.com)

## Supervisor's Certification

(supervisor's permission and signature is required for all applications)

I certify that I am the applicant's supervisor and I approve his or her attending the 2023 National Environmental Health Association Annual Educational Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Supervisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Membership Verified  Chapter Affiliation Verified

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_