Award
Dr. Cheryl Clark Memorial Award and Scholarship for Emerging MCH Epidemiologists
Description
Dr. Clark had more than 20 years of progressive experience in state government and public health fields. Since 2016, Dr. Clark directed AMCHP's Epidemiology, Evaluation, & Metrics efforts as well as implementation, technical assistance, and consultation on epidemiology, data, and evaluation for members, external partners, and AMCHP staff, providing leadership for AMCHP's internal/external operational platforms and metrics. Dr. Clark attained a BS in Health Information Management Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, an MPH in Community Health Education from the University of South Florida and attained her Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) in Epidemiology & Biostatistics at Florida A & M as an inaugural graduate of that program. She was a fierce champion for the next generation studying to become epidemiologists.
Criteria
Nominees for the Dr. Cheryl Clark Memorial Award and Scholarship for Emerging MCH Epidemiologists must meet the following criteria. The applicant will show: • A demonstrated commitment to MCH epidemiology (this can be through coursework, internships, professional positions, research projects etc.) • Professional promise (this can be through sharing prior research or practicum projects, internships, professional positions, any prior awards or recognitions, etc.) • A clear idea of how the scholarship would support their development and contributions to the field (include in the application a statement of what they would use the scholarship support for).
Selection Process
This scholarship award pays tribute to Dr. Clark through the support of a scholarship for a student in a masters or doctoral program studying MCH Epidemiology or a professional starting out in applied MCH Epidemiology. Application materials will be reviewed with respect to how well each of the selection criteria are met. Because the award comes with an additional scholarship stipend, a critical part of the selection will be how the applicant describes what the impact of the scholarship will be on the development of their expertise and next career steps. AMCHP's Governance Committee will review applications and make the final selection for the award each year.
Special Travel Funding
AMCHP's intention is to make this award a part of our annual slate of awards given at the AMCHP Annual Conference. Like other scholarship awards, this award would come with travel support to attend the annual conference to receive the award and network with the conference participants. Additionally, this award would come with a small educational stipend for the recipient to use to support their professional development. The total award is up to $6,000. AMCHP will support travel to the conference up to $3,000 per person. The educational stipend will be $3,000. If you would like to donate to the award fund, you may do so through the AMCHP Conference Registration process or by reaching out to conference@amchp.org.