

Arnold School of Public Health

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2026 JEFFREY KEITH MATTISON OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is presented each year to a Master's level graduating student who best exemplifies the special characteristics of Jeffrey Keith Mattison, an Epidemiology and Biostatistics student who passed away in the fall of 1987, only weeks into his graduate program of study. During his brief time at the Arnold School of Public Health, Jeffrey impressed everyone with his easy acceptance of the many challenges facing him and his ability to initiate new ideas. To remember his life, his initiative, and his motivation for work in public health, the Student Public Health Association created the Jeffrey Keith Mattison Outstanding Student Achievement Award. This award, open to students in all Arnold School of Public Health departments, will recognize the graduating Master's degree student who, in a combination of service, leadership, and/or personal example, exemplifies many of the qualities that made Jeffrey special. The student's interest and dedication to public health through service activities, as well as the personal characteristics that would contribute to having an impact in public health, are important aspects of this award. This award will be presented at the Arnold School of Public Health Hooding Ceremony.

ELIGIBILITY AND NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

The nominated student must be eligible to graduate in May, August, or December 2026. Any student, faculty, or staff member may nominate a student for this award by completing the nomination form attached. Include a statement of the qualifications of the candidate.

NOTE: Students may not nominate themselves. Mattison Selection Committee members may not nominate a student for this award. Submit completed forms to the Office of Graduate Student Services (by email to cfsmith@sc.edu), no later than March 9, 2026.

NOMINEES FOR THIS AWARD MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Be active in service activities, as well as being goal directed, highly motivated, and able to accept challenges readily;
- Demonstrate the ability to take initiative and work independently;
- Demonstrate an interest in and an understanding of an area in public health;
- Demonstrate outstanding service and/or leadership in the interest of public health. (This service and leadership may be demonstrated directly through formally acknowledged accomplishments or indirectly through personal service and activities in progress.)

MONDAY

MARCH
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Nomination Deadline

If you have questions concerning eligibility, procedures, or criteria for selection, please contact Christy Smith in the Office of Graduate Student Services at cfsmith@sc.edu or (803) 777-6960.

- A faculty letter of support must accompany the nomination.
NOTE: Students are not notified by the committee of their nomination.

SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Award selection will be made by a committee comprising faculty representatives from the academic disciplines in the Arnold School of Public Health, at least one member of the Dean's staff or a member appointed by the Dean, and a student who is not eligible for graduation during this award year.



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NOMINATION FORM

Jeffrey Keith Mattison Outstanding Student Achievement Award

DEADLINE: MARCH 9, 2026

Nominee: _____

Department: _____ Degree: _____ Anticipated Term of Graduation: _____

Address (mailing): _____

Phone (daytime): _____

Email: _____

Nominated by: _____ Student Faculty Staff

Department: _____

Phone (daytime): _____ Email: _____

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Please provide a statement outlining the qualifications of the nominee (you may use additional pages if necessary). Please note that this statement should address as many of the criteria as possible, but does not necessarily need to include all of the criteria.

Nominees for this award must meet the following criteria:

be active in service activities, as well as being goal directed, highly motivated, and able to accept challenges readily; demonstrate the ability to take initiative and work independently; demonstrate an interest in and an understanding of the importance of an area in public health; and demonstrate outstanding service and/or leadership in the interest of public health. This service and leadership may be demonstrated directly through formally acknowledged accomplishments or indirectly through personal service and activities in progress.

This form must be typed and submitted, along with a faculty letter of support, to the Office of Graduate Student Services by email to cfsmith@sc.edu, by March 9, 2026.