



Project ADAM Karen Smith award

Project ADAM is seeking nominations of individuals who have demonstrated passion, innovation, and excellence in serving as a champion for their school and/or community-based CPR-AED program. This award is being presented in honor and memory of Karen Smith.

Karen Smith was a pioneer and leader in school health and safety. Karen served for over 20 years as the Nursing Services Coordinator for the Pewaukee School District in Wisconsin. Rising to the top of her efforts was her personal mission to help prepare communities to recognize and respond to cardiac emergencies. She served on the Project ADAM Program Council since its inception in 1999. Through her charismatic work with Project ADAM, Karen tested new ideas to pave the way for streamlined CPR/AED training and programs in schools, rallied the support of legislators and community leaders and established a now national model for the implementation of public access defibrillation programs in schools.

Through this award we strive to honor Karen's memory and continue her good work by recognizing individuals who reflect her passion and commitment to creating safer communities by championing Project ADAM's Heart Safe School Designation.

Heart Safe School Designation with Project ADAM ensures that a school has put a comprehensive plan for Cardiac Emergency Preparedness in place. Schools recognized with this distinction improved their survival rate of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest from 44% to 79%. This doesn't happen by accident, but through the passionate actions of amazing people who recognize this importance and share this with the schools and communities they are in.

View a list of our past recipients:

<https://childrenswi.org/medical-care/herma-heart/programs/project-adam/recognition-awards>



Eligibility

- A complete application submitted by the nominee or on behalf of the nominee.
- Nominees will have a demonstrated passion and dedication to preparing their school for a cardiac emergency.

Award

- A recognition award presented by Project ADAM representatives.
- A CPR manikin and AED training unit.
- Announcement via the Project ADAM Wisconsin Newsletter & Social Media.

Procedure

1. Complete Contact Information
2. Complete Letter of Support and Program Description (from individual other than nominee).

Selection criteria

- Working towards Project ADAM Heart Safe School designation.
- Success in creating and/or maintaining a viable CPR-AED program at their school.
- Involvement of students in their program.
- Creating community awareness of Sudden Cardiac Arrest and their school's CPR-AED program.

Deadlines

- Applications must be received by October 1 of each year.
- Recipients will be announced by December 31st of each year.

Karen Smith award application

Nominee contact information

Full name:

Position / affiliation with nominee's school:

Phone number:

Email address:

School information

Name of school:

Address of school:

City, State, Zip:

Person completing the application

Full name:

Relationship to nominee:

Phone number:

Email address:

Letter of support and CPR/AED program description

Please attach a letter of personal support and program description for the nominee, written by a person other than the nominee.

1. **Passion** - How does the nominee demonstrate a passion for promoting cardiac emergency awareness, preparedness, and appropriate response in his/her school community?
2. **Recognition** – What is the nominee's role in the program and why do you feel the nominee deserves to be recognized for their role in creating and maintaining a Project ADAM / CPR-AED program?

Applications submitted electronically to:

Attn: Jodi Wenzel, RN

Project ADAM Program Coordinator

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Thank you for your passion and dedication!