



CERTIFIED HEALTHY OKLAHOMA

Certified Healthy Oklahoma is a statewide recognition program that offers a free assessment tool allowing businesses, campuses, communities, congregations, early childhood programs, restaurants, and schools to gauge where they stand on supporting health with an annual certification award showcasing their commitment to actively promoting wellness.

General Information

- ◆ The Certified Healthy Oklahoma Program is a free certification
- ◆ The program began in 2003. As of the spring of 2018, over 10,000 certifications have been awarded
- ◆ Seven areas of certification are offered with three distinct levels of recognition (Basic, Merit, Excellence)
- ◆ Areas of certification include:
 - Businesses (For profit, not for profit, government agency, school administrative office, and other)
 - Campuses (Public and private colleges, universities, & career centers)
 - Communities (Incorporated municipalities)
 - Congregations (Open to all faiths)
 - Early Childhood Programs (Childcare centers, Head Start, childcare home, part day program, out-of-school-time program, summer day camp)
 - Restaurants (Worksite or single venues, local & national chains)
 - Schools (Public or private primary and secondary schools)
- ◆ Applications are accepted between August 1 and November 1 each year
- ◆ In March, a statewide awards ceremony is held to honor award winners
- ◆ Each Certified Healthy organization will receive a frame-able certificate and statewide recognition
- ◆ All excellence level awardees receive additional recognition

Steps to Become Certified

- ◆ Print criteria for the program(s) that represents your organization: updated applications will be available August 1 at [Certified Healthy \(oklahoma.gov\)](http://oklahoma.gov/certifiedhealthy)
- ◆ Form an application advisory team
- ◆ Identify the criteria you meet
- ◆ Make an action plan for additional steps you are ready to address in support of a healthier environment
- ◆ For assistance with any remaining criteria or the application process, contact The Certified Healthy Oklahoma [Certified Healthy \(oklahoma.gov\)](http://oklahoma.gov/certifiedhealthy)
- ◆ Complete and submit your application online by November 1

Resources

- ◆ Oklahoma In the Know: <http://www.okintheknow.org/>
- ◆ CDC Healthy Living: <http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyLiving/>
- ◆ Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust: <http://www.tset.ok.gov>

