

# CERTIFIED HEALTHY COMMUNITY



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.

**The social factors and the physical environment are especially important because they represent the conditions in which people are born, work, and play. (Community Health Status Indicator 2015)**

## Benefits

- ◆ Recognition as a community that goes “above and beyond” to create a healthy, nurturing environment
- ◆ Gain more opportunities to improve the health of your community
- ◆ Recipients are invited to a special recognition awards event
- ◆ Enhance your community’s image
- ◆ Raise awareness of being healthier and working towards healthier lifestyles within your community

## Eligible Applicants

- ◆ A community is defined as “An incorporated city, town, or municipality in Oklahoma that has a governing body that allows it to make decisions and set ordinances”
- ◆ Categories: ● Sub-Rural (<500) ● Rural (501- 4,300) ● Small (4,300 – 13,399) ● Medium (14,000 – 29,999) ● Large (30,000 – 79,999) ● Metro: (80,000+)

## Application Sections

- ◆ Tobacco and Alcohol
- ◆ Nutrition and Physical Activity
- ◆ Community Resources
- ◆ Education/Awareness

## Scoring

Communities are scored based on the population size of the community and points received per section. In addition to meeting the point requirement, to obtain BASIC certification, the municipality must have adopted and implemented an ordinance that prohibits smoking indoors and outdoors on city owned/operated properties. EXCELLENCE has five prerequisites which include an adopted and implemented municipal ordinance that prohibits the use of tobacco and vapor products on all indoor and outdoor city-owned/operated properties. See <http://certifiedhealthyok.com/community/eligibility-and-scoring/> for more details.

Community Size	Sub-Rural	Rural	Small	Medium	Large	Metro
Basic	7	8	9	10	11	12
Merit	8	9	11	12	13	14
Excellence	9	11	13	14	15	16

## Application Information

- ◆ Visit [www.certifiedhealthyok.com](http://www.certifiedhealthyok.com) today!
- ◆ Applications are open August 1-November 1
- ◆ Questions? Contact the Center for Advancement of Wellness at [CenterTA@health.ok.gov](mailto:CenterTA@health.ok.gov)



*Create a culture of health that inspires an entire state to work collaboratively together to help Oklahomans live healthier, happier, and longer lives. (OHIP 2020)*