



Student Contest



Attention Boston-Area Public Health Students!

You may be considering a career in epidemiology—the surveillance and control of diseases. In recent headlines, Ebola fighters have won *Time*'s "Person of the Year" and the Disneyland measles outbreak has affected dozens of states. Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (www.cste.org) is the largest national professional organization for applied public health epidemiology with around 1,500 members. The contest below allows for up to five students to take part in the world of "disease detectives" at the largest conference for epidemiology: the 2015 CSTE Annual Conference (www.csteconference.org).

Becoming a member and attending the conference is a great way to build your career. Student membership is only \$30 per year and includes invaluable benefits, including yearlong capacity development and networking opportunities through specialized subcommittees. Our career center and fellowships are open to everyone.

About the conference. This June in Boston, over 1,300 disease-fighting practitioners will convene to share methods, technologies, and best practices. Conference-goers come from every state, represent all levels of government and academia, and span diverse professional specializations. The conference presents rare opportunities to network with state and local public health department staff, recent graduates and fellows, and CDC professionals. This year's keynote speaker, **Dr. Paul Farmer**, is the renowned co-founder of Partners in Health and subject of the book *Mountains Beyond Mountains*.

Contest details. Student contest winners are invited to attend the conference June 14-17 (three days) and select from 240 sessions on cutting-edge practice and research. This is normally a \$265 value for students and \$550 for non-students. This award does not include travel, accommodations, meals, banquets, or incidental expenses. At the start of the conference, each student will meet a current CSTE fellow as an introductory "conference buddy."

How to apply. Use your school's e-mail address to send a Word document with your full name, current school, major/specialization, a professor's contact information for verification, and your responses. Send submissions to studentcontest@cste.org by **April 24, 2015**. All submissions will be reviewed by a panel of CSTE staff.

Contest questions. Write up to 100 words for each response (up to 300 total):

- ▶ Which epidemiology specialization interests you and why? Please refer to CSTE subcommittees on our website for more information: bit.ly/CSTecommittees.
- ▶ Who is your public health hero and why?
- ▶ Describe your own ideal professional role in epidemiology ten years after your graduation.

Winners will be informed by April 30, 2015. Please direct questions to cmccoull@cste.org.