



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Obesity Summit

### State Nomination Form

Do you want your state to be the host of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Obesity Summit (SOS)? We are currently taking nominations and want to know why your state should be home to SOS 2016!

The Southern Obesity Summit is an exciting and important event that brings together leadership from across the 16 southern states to learn, engage and develop strategies around obesity prevention. Our goal is to bring this conference to all of the 16 southern states. SOS has been in Arkansas (2007), Alabama (2008), Texas (2009), Georgia (2010), Louisiana (2011), North Carolina (2012), Tennessee (2013), Kentucky (2014) and Mississippi (2015).

If your state is interested in being selected for the 2016 Southern Obesity Summit, please fill out the below information and return to [sondrias@texashealthinstitute.org](mailto:sondrias@texashealthinstitute.org) by May 1, 2015. We will be reviewing within the following months.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have a state obesity plan in place? Who administers your obesity plan? How is it evaluated?**

**Would your state health department be supportive of hosting SOS? Do you have an existing state-level obesity team or organization in place that could work on the Summit? Please list names and/or organizations of people on that team.**

**Are your governor and/or mayors in your state supportive of obesity initiatives?**

**Is there currently any research being conducted in your state around obesity prevention?**

**Do you have initiatives in any/all of the seven pillars identified for SOS? See attachment.**

Early Childhood

Schools

Nutrition Policy

Food Access/Systems

Physical Activity

Worksite

Healthcare/Healthcare Systems



**Explanation of why your state is the best choice for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual SOS:**

Responsibilities of being the host state include:

- To secure \$45,000 in order to serve as the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Obesity local host
- To participate on the Southern Obesity Summit Advisory committee and to identify a minimum of five representatives to serve on the Host committee
- Provide support to THI for overall event programming
- Participate in conference calls
- Provide on-site assistance during the Summit to assist with registration, logistics and other duties as needed
- Provide THI assistance/consultation with regards to Summit logistics
- To assist in marketing the Southern Obesity Summit for overall attendance and sponsorship

In return, you have the opportunity to showcase your state as a leader in obesity prevention!