

UK UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY Nonprofit Leadership Initiative

2009 Distinguished Nonprofit Leadership Award

The Distinguished Nonprofit Leadership Award recognizes outstanding leadership among Kentucky nonprofit Chief Executives. The award recognizes leadership achievement in the areas of innovation, community building, ethical integrity, strategic leadership and commitment to strengthening the sector.

The following criteria will be considered in selection of the award winner:

- **Innovation** – a leader who is perpetually searching for new ways, solutions, and unconventional forms of work; adapting to the changing environment; and suggesting new ways of solving problems.
- **Community Building** – a leader who reaches out into the community to build relationships with other organizations; to encourage partnerships and collaboration to prevent duplication of services; and provide the best level of service for the community.
- **Ethical Integrity** – a person who can be looked to as an example of personal values that promote ethics and integrity in the nonprofit sector.
- **Strategic Leadership** – a leader committed to establishing a professionally-managed organization with the appropriate systems in place to assure its endurance and future success.
- **Commitment to Strengthening the Sector** – a leader committed to mentoring the next generation of nonprofit professionals and is actively engaged in activities that elevate and strengthen the nonprofit sector.

Eligibility:

- Nominees must have served/be a salaried, full-time (minimum 35 hours per week) employee/retiree of a 501(c) 3 charitable nonprofit organization(s) based in Kentucky.
- Nominated individuals must have at least fifteen cumulative years of nonprofit professional experience as of August 17, 2009. Individuals **MUST** have served as a chief executive for a minimum of five years; the additional ten years may be as a chief executive or in a senior leadership position of one or more organization(s).
- The award is open to leaders of any type of nonprofit organization (human service, educational, environmental, arts, faith-based, etc.).
- Once selected, the award winner must agree to the terms and conditions.
- All eligible award candidates must be nominated. Nominations can be made by board members, staff members, volunteers, clients, or community members. Nominations can be made with or without the candidate's knowledge. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- There is no fee to participate.

Selection process:

- Nominations will be reviewed by NLI staff and the final selection will be made by the Initiative's Advisory Council.
- A nominator is welcome to consult and collaborate with the nominee so that a strong well-developed nomination can be submitted. Only one nomination per individual will be considered. If more than one nomination for an individual is received, nominators will be contacted to determine which application is to be forwarded to the NLI Advisory Council for consideration.
- **The nomination packet must be received via email by noon EDT on August 17, 2009 and sent to emailus@kynonprofits.org. Documents must be submitted in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format.**
- A limit of five additional pages of materials can be submitted electronically with the nomination packet. This may include up to three one-page letters of support. Nomination packets and supporting materials will not be returned.
- The winner will be notified on or before October 1, 2009.

Award winner will receive:

- Award at the Nonprofit Leadership Forum, October 15, 2009 (includes one free Forum registration).
- Recognition in the NLI's *Nonprofit News*, *e-Notes* e-newsletter and on the Initiative's website.
- One-year membership for the winner's current (or other designated) organization in the Initiative's *Nonprofit Network*.
- \$500 scholarship for Nonprofit Leadership Initiative workshops, seminars, publications, etc. for the winner's current (or other designated) organization – scholarship good for two years from award receipt.

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NOMINATION COVER PAGE

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Organization: _____

Nominee's Mailing Address: _____

Nominee's Phone: _____

Nominee's Email Address: _____

Nominee's Organization's Website: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Phone: _____

Nominator's Email Address: _____

Please describe your relationship with the nominee (*check all that apply*).

___ Board Member ___ Staff Member ___ Volunteer ___ Client ___ Funder

___ Community Member ___ Other: _____

Check here to verify the nominated individual has at least fifteen cumulative years of nonprofit professional experience as of August 17, 2009. Individuals **MUST** have served as a chief executive for a minimum of five years; the additional ten years may be as a chief executive or in a senior leadership position of one or more organization(s).

Nomination Checklist:

- This Cover Page
- Application Narrative
- Up to five pages of supporting materials, may include no more than three letters of support

I certify that the information contained in this nomination is true and verifiable.

Signature of the Nominator: _____

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NOMINATION NARRATIVE:

In no more than five double-spaced pages, please provide a Narrative containing the information below. **All materials (including the nomination cover page) must be submitted via email by noon EDT on August 17, 2009. Nominations must be submitted in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format.**

Nominee Career History:

Briefly outline the career history of the nominee. Please include the names of the organizations served, dates employed, any significant career accomplishments/highlights at each and any awards or recognition received.

Award Criteria:

Please address why you think the nominated individual is deserving of the Distinguished Nonprofit Leadership Award. Address how the nominee has led the organization(s) in the following areas (please include specific examples):

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Additional Questions:

- How has the nominee's leadership inspired the stakeholders (board, staff, clients, and/or community) of the organizations he or she has served?
- Please share one specific "defining moment" that has occurred during the nominee's career that best expresses the nominee's leadership legacy.

Additional Support Materials:

- A limit of five additional pages of materials can be submitted to support this individual's nomination. This may include up to three one-page letters of support.