

# **UK** UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY Nonprofit Leadership Initiative

## *Fifth Third Bank 2009 Innovative Nonprofit Award*

The *Innovative Nonprofit Award* recognizes a nonprofit organization in Kentucky implementing inventive, nontraditional programs or methods that effectively and efficiently meet community needs. The organization will have demonstrated creativity and vision in finding solutions to address community issues.

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

- **Innovation** – the organization is perpetually searching for new ways, solutions, and unconventional forms of work; adapting to the changing environment; and suggesting new ways of solving problems.
- **Model Idea** – a program or method that can be replicated or adapted by other nonprofit organizations.
- **Measurable** – a program or method that has had a demonstrated and measurable impact on the organization's constituency.
- **Perpetuation** – a well-developed plan for continued sustainability of the program or method.
- **Overall Excellence** – the organization exemplifies the highest level of excellence in the pursuit of its mission

### **Eligibility:**

- Applicant organization must be a registered 501(c) 3 organization.
- Applicant organization must be located and operating in Kentucky.
- The award is open to any type of nonprofit organization (human service, educational, environmental, arts, faith-based, etc.).
- Award winner must agree to the terms and conditions.

### **Selection process:**

- Nominations will be reviewed by Nonprofit Leadership staff and the final selection will be made by the Initiative's Advisory Council.
- **The nomination packet must be received via email by noon on August 17, 2009 and sent to [emailus@kynonprofits.org](mailto:emailus@kynonprofits.org). Documents must be submitted in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format.**
- Only one nomination accepted per organization.
- Limited additional materials can be submitted with the nomination packet.
- Nomination packets and supporting materials will not be returned to the organization.
- The winning organization 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 registration to the Forum).
- Video production highlighting the organization shown at the 2009 Kentucky Nonprofit Leadership Forum.
- Promotion in the Nonprofit Leadership Initiative's *Nonprofit News* and on the Initiative's website.
- One-year membership in the Initiative's *Nonprofit Network*.
- \$250 Scholarship for Nonprofit Leadership Initiative workshops, seminars, publications, etc. – scholarship good for two years from award receipt.
- Promotion and media recognition coordinated by the Nonprofit Leadership Initiative.

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**NOMINATION COVER PAGE**

Organization's Name:

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Address:

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Website:

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Phone:

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Nominee Name & Relationship to Organization:

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Nominee Phone:

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Nominee Email:

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**Nomination Checklist:**

- This Cover Page
- Application Narrative
- Copy of IRS Determination Letter
- Most recent IRS form 990
- List of board members & organization's leadership team
- Most recent annual report (if available)
- Signed terms & conditions statement

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### **NOMINATION NARRATIVE:**

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- **Organizational Profile:**

Please provide the name of your organization and the name and contact information for the Executive Director/CEO. Briefly describe the mission, activities, and history of your organization.

- **Targeted Cause:**

Describe the problem, opportunity, or community need your organization is addressing and its importance. Please include the urgency, relevancy and complexity of the issue and describe the impact your organization has had on said issue.

- **Innovation/Inventiveness:**

Describe what is particularly innovative about your organization's approach. Discuss how your approach differs from other organizations addressing a similar need. Also, please explain how your organization's approach might be replicated by others.

- **Results:**

Describe what your organization has accomplished and how are you measuring and documenting your results.

- **Continued Innovation/Perpetuation:**

Please describe your organization's plans for how it will continue to innovate and create long-term social change to address the targeted issue.

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**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

I understand that if our organization is selected as the recipient of the *Fifth Third Bank 2009 Innovative Nonprofit Award*, we agree to the following:

- To make the organization and myself available for a promotional video;
- To attend the Nonprofit Leadership Initiative's Kentucky Nonprofit Leadership Forum on Thursday, October 15, 2009 to accept the award.
- To assist and accompany the Nonprofit Leadership Initiative and Fifth Third Bank representatives in media promotions;

I hereby certify that all the information submitted in this nomination is accurate and that the information about our organization and its operation is verifiable. I understand that if it is discovered that any information in this application is false, we will not be eligible for the *Fifth Third Bank 2009 Innovative Nonprofit Award*.

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Organization

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Title

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Signature

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Date