



## 2017 Distinguished Nonprofit Leadership Award

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

### **Award Recognition:**

- Award presentation at the KY Nonprofit Leadership Forum (includes free Forum registration for the recipient);
- Recognition in the KNN's print newsletter, e-newsletter and on the KNN website;
- One year membership for the winner's current (or other designated) organization in the Kentucky Nonprofit Network;
- \$500 scholarship for KNN workshops, seminars, publications, etc. for the winner's current (or other designated) organization – scholarship good for two years from award receipt.

### **Nomination Requirements:**

1. The nominated individual must have at least fifteen (15) cumulative years of nonprofit professional experience as of September 1, 2017.
  - Individuals must have served as a chief executive for a minimum of five (5) years
  - The additional ten (10) years may be as a chief executive or in a senior leadership position of one or more organizations
2. Submit up to five (5) pages of materials to support this individual's nomination.
  - This may include up to three (3) letters of support, resume outlining experience, etc.
3. Submit a nomination narrative (up to five double spaced pages) by September 1, 2017 outlining:

#### **Nominee Career History**

- Briefly outline the career history of the nominee. Please include the names of 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):
  - **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

### 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.

### **Selection process:**

- Nominations will be reviewed by Kentucky Nonprofit Network staff and the final selection will be made by the Kentucky Nonprofit Network's Award Committee.
- The nomination packet must be received via email by noon on September 1, 2017 and sent to [emailus@kynonprofits.org](mailto:emailus@kynonprofits.org). Documents must be submitted in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format.

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## Nomination Application

### Nominee Information

- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Title \_\_\_\_\_
- Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_
- City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_
- Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_
- Organization \_\_\_\_\_
- Organization Website \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominator Information

- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_
- City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_
- Email address \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone number \_\_\_\_\_
- Please describe your relationship with the nominee  
Board member   Staff member   Volunteer   Client   Funder   Community Member  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Nomination Checklist:

- Nomination Application (cover page)
- Nomination Narrative
- Up to five pages of supporting material
- Materials submitted via Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF Format by noon EST on September 1, 2017
- I have verified the nominee has had at least fifteen (15) cumulative years of nonprofit professional experience as of September 1, 2017. (At least five years as a chief executive and ten years in a senior leadership position or one or more organizations.)
- The nominee will be able to attend and accept the award at the KY Nonprofit Leadership Forum Awards Luncheon in Lexington, KY (if selected) October 24 or 25, 2017 (date to be confirmed).
- I certify that all the information submitted in this nomination is accurate and verifiable. I understand if it is discovered that any information in this application is false, our nominee will not be eligible for the 2017 Distinguished Nonprofit Leadership Award.*

Nominator Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please note emphasis and consideration is given to Kentucky-based organizations and individuals.*