



2019 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.

Award Recognition:

- Award presentation at the KY Nonprofit Leadership Forum (includes free Forum registration for the recipient);
- Video production highlighting the organization shown at the Kentucky Nonprofit Leadership Forum Awards Luncheon;
- Promotion in the Kentucky Nonprofit Network eNews, social media and on the Network's website;
- One-year membership in the Kentucky Nonprofit Network;
- Receipt of a \$250 scholarship to attend KNN events – valid for two years.

Instructions/Nomination Requirements – due by 5pm EDT, August 26, 2019:

1. Submit the nomination application/terms & conditions statement
2. Submit a nomination narrative (up five single, double-spaced pages) outlining the following (it is strongly recommended that you follow this outline below):
 - 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 innovative about your organization's approach. Discuss how your approach differs from other organizations addressing a similar need. If similar approaches exist – clearly and specifically outline how your approach is different and innovative.**
 - 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.
3. Submit a copy of the organization's IRS Determination Letter
4. Submit a copy of the most recent IRS Form 990 (attach or provide URL link)
5. Submit a list of board members & organization's leadership team
6. Submit a copy of the most recent annual report (if available)

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

- **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:

- The nomination packet must be received via email at emailus@kynonprofits.org by 5pm EDT on August 26, 2019.
- Emailed documents and attachments submitted online must be submitted in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format.
- Only one nomination accepted per organization.
- Nominations will be screened by KNN staff to assure a complete application is submitted and award criteria is met. The final selection will be made by KNN's Awards Committee.
- Nomination packets and supporting materials will not be returned to the organization.

Innovative Nonprofit Award Nomination Application

Nominee Information

- Organization Name
- Contact Name & Title
- Mailing Address
- City, State, Zip
- Email Address
- Phone Number
- 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

Terms & Conditions

- We agree to send at least one representative to the Kentucky Nonprofit Leadership Forum Award Luncheon October 30, 2019.
- I understand that if our organization is selected as the recipient of the 2019 Innovative Nonprofit Award, we agree to the following:
 - To make the organization and myself available for a promotional video;
 - To attend KNN's Kentucky Nonprofit Leadership Forum to accept the award;
- Signature of the Organization Contact

Nomination Checklist:

Please email the following to emailus@kynonprofits.org by 5pm on August 26, 2019.

- Nomination Application (this page)
- Nomination Narrative (please follow the outline provided in up to 5 single, double-spaced pages)
- Copy of IRS Determination Letter
- Most recent IRS Form 990 (attach or provide URL link in email)
- List of board members & organization's leadership team
- Most recent annual report (if available)

- I 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 Innovative Nonprofit Award.*

Organization Name

Signature of Nominator

Signature of the Organization Contact (if different)