



2017 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 2017 Kentucky Nonprofit Leadership Forum;
- Promotion in the Kentucky Nonprofit Network News, eNews and on the Network's website;
- One-year membership in the Kentucky Nonprofit Network;
- \$250 Scholarship for Kentucky Nonprofit Network workshops, seminars, publications, etc. – scholarship good for two years from award receipt;
- Promotion and media recognition coordinated by the Kentucky Nonprofit Network

Nomination Requirements:

1. Submit the nomination application
2. Submit a nomination narrative (up five double-spaced pages) by September 1, 2017 outlining:
 - 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.
3. Submit a copy of the organization's IRS Determination Letter
4. Submit a copy of the most recent IRS Form 990
5. Submit a list of board members & organization's leadership team
6. Submit a copy of the most recent annual report (if available)
7. Signed terms & conditions statement

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 Kentucky Nonprofit Network staff and the final selection will be made by KNN's Awards Committee.
- The nomination packet must be received via email by noon on September 1, 2017 and sent to 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.

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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 24 or 25, 2017 (date to be confirmed).
- I understand that if our organization is selected as the recipient of the 2017 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:

- Nomination Application (cover page)
- Nomination 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)

- 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 2016 Innovative Nonprofit Award.*

Organization Name _____

Signature of Nominator _____

Signature of the Organization Contact (if different) _____

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