



2019 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 KNN membership for the winner's current (or other designated) organization;
- Receipt of a \$500 scholarship to attend KNN events – valid for two years. Scholarship funds may be used by the recipient or a designee of the organization served.

Award Criteria:

- The nominated individual must have at least fifteen (15) cumulative years of nonprofit professional experience as of September 1, 2019.
 - 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
- The following criteria will be considered in selection of the award recipient:
 - **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

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

- Submit a nomination narrative, up to six (6) pages, to support this individual's nomination. This may include up to three (3) letters of support, resume outlining experience (if not available – simply attempt to outline career history in the nomination), etc.
- The narrative should include:
 - **Brief outline of the nominee's career history.** Please include the names of organizations served, dates employed, significant career accomplishments/highlights at each and any awards or recognition received.
 - Please address **why you think the nominated individual is deserving of the Distinguished Nonprofit Leadership Award**, including any specific examples of the criteria above (Innovation, Community Building, Ethical Integrity, Strategic Leadership and Commitment to Strengthening the Sector).
 - Tell us - **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 at least one example that best expresses the nominee's leadership legacy.**

Selection process:

- The nomination packet must be emailed to emailus@kynonprofits.org by 5pm EDT on August 26, 2019.
- Emailed documents and attachments 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.

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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:

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

- Nomination Application (this page)
- Nomination Narrative (please follow the outline provided – six pages maximum, including up to three pages of support material)
- I have verified the nominee has had at least fifteen (15) cumulative years of nonprofit professional experience as of September 1, 2019. (At least five years as a chief executive and ten years in a senior leadership position or one or more organizations.)*
- I understand that as the nominator, I will work with KNN to ensure the nominee, if selected, is available to attend and accept the award at the Kentucky Nonprofit Leadership Forum Awards Luncheon October 30, 2019 in Lexington, KY. I also understand I will introduce the nominee for award receipt, if selected (or identify an appropriate person).*
- 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 Outstanding Board Leadership Award.*

Nominator Signature _____