

PYRAMID AWARD FOR THE ART GOVERNANCE

Everyone has the power for greatness - not for fame, but greatness, because greatness is determined by service. Martin Luther King

This award honors the Board of Directors of a nonprofit organization which has:

- displayed an outstanding level of participation and partnership with their organization
- provided active oversight of mission, planning and program outcomes
- contributed toward the financial health of the organization

Previous recipients include:

- Nativity Academy at St. Boniface (2013)
- Adelante Hispanic Achievers, Inc. (2012)
- Kentucky Psychological Association (2011)
- Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana (2010)



PYRAMID AWARD FOR THE ART OF INCLUSION (Formerly ART OF DIVERSITY)

Civilization is the process in which one gradually increases the number of people included in the term 'we' or 'us' and at the same time decreases those labeled 'you' or 'them' until that category has no one left in it. Howard Winters

This award honors a nonprofit organization that has:

- defined how multicultural participation within an organization fosters improved outcomes
- embraced diversity in its board, staff, and clients
- generated strength through governance and service

Previous recipients include:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana (2013)
- Peace Education Program, Inc. (2012)
- Center for Women and Families (2011)
- Volunteers of America of Kentucky (2010)



PYRAMID AWARD FOR THE ART OF LEADERSHIP

The great leaders are like the best conductors - they reach beyond the notes to reach the magic in the players. Blaine Lee

This award honors an individual who has demonstrated the:

- capacity to make decisions consistent with the mission and values of the organization
- capacity to rally people
- ability to maximize the potential of staff and volunteers
- ability to achieve mission-consistent results

Previous recipients include:

- Cathe Dykstra, President & CEO, Family Scholar House (2013)
- Allen Montgomery, President & CEO, Supplies Over Seas (2012)
- Jennifer Bielstein, Managing Director, Actors Theatre of Louisville (2011)
- Craig Buthod, Executive Director, Louisville Free Public Library (2010)



PYRAMID AWARD FOR THE ART OF SOCIAL INNOVATION

Just as energy is the basis of life itself, and ideas the source of innovation, so is innovation the vital spark of all human change, improvement and progress --Professor Theodore Levitt

This award honors a nonprofit whose idea, program, method or application meets at least three (3) of these criteria:

- demonstrates the capacity to improve the well-being of people in a way that is creative, new or novel
- demonstrates the power to dramatically multiply the benefit of existing models of services that enhance one’s quality of life
- extends the benefit of existing services to people who have previously lacked access to those services, supports or experiences
- reduces the cost, in dollars and natural resources, of life-enhancing services so that those services become more sustainable
- embraces all three bottom line considerations: 1) financially positive; 2) mission enhancing; 3) environmentally friendly

Previous recipients include:

- Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program (2013)
- Rx: Housing 100K Homes/Louisville (2012)
- Wayside Christian Mission (2011)



PYRAMID AWARD FOR THE ART OF VISION

Be the change you want to see in the world. Ghandi

This award honors a nonprofit organization that has:

- developed a collective vision that inspired action
- connected that vision to its mission and/or to community priorities
- demonstrated the community benefits of that mission

Previous recipients include:

- Educational Justice (2013)
- Dreams With Wings, Inc. (2012)
- Council on Developmental Disabilities (2011)
- Edge Outreach (2010)



NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Note: To nominate a candidate for one or more Pyramid Award(s), please complete sections 1-6 of the form below and attach a short summary about the reasons the person or organization should receive the award. Attachments should be no longer than three pages in length. CNPE's awards committee will select recipients.

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence Awards Committee welcomes nominations of organizations that reflect the broad spectrum of the independent sector in the types of services provided and constituencies served.

Nomination Guidelines

- The achievements of the candidate organization should include relatively recent occurrences.
- Nominated organizations/individuals must be nonprofit organizations.
- Organizations may self-nominate or be nominated by someone else.
- The total length of the nomination narrative should not exceed three pages nor use a font smaller than twelve-point.
- The committee will base its decision primarily on the information provided in the narrative.
- The deadline is August 31, 2014.

2014 Pyramid Award for the Art of Excellence Application Form is on the next page

2014 Pyramid Award for the Art of Excellence Application
Nominations due by Midnight August 31, 2014 via regular mail or email.

1. Nominee

Name of Nominated Organization/Individual

Contact person

Address City/State/Zip

Phone (with area code)

Email Address

2. Nominator:

Name of Nominated Organization/Individual

Contact person

Address City/State/Zip

Phone (with area code)

Email Address

3. Nominated for award in the following category:

- Collaboration (Organizations)
- Governance (Organizations)
- Inclusion (Organizations)
- Social Innovation (Organizations)
- Vision (Organizations)
- Leadership (Individuals)

4. Organization Mission, Program Description and Goals

Include information about geographic area served and nature/size of constituency

Mission

Program
Description

Goals

5. Reason for Nomination

Refer to the criteria for the award for which you are nominating this organization or individual. How does this nomination meet the criteria? Include key individuals and other collaborators who are involved. Please give specific examples.

6. Direct Impact

Refer to the criteria for the award for which you are nominating this organization. What is the direct impact on the organization's clients/constituency? What other outcomes occur as a result of the organization's efforts?

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY Midnight August 31, 2014.

Send to: Center for Nonprofit Excellence
Re: Pyramid Awards
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Louisville, KY 40202

Send to: dwhitney@cnpe.org
Subject Line: Pyramid Awards

The NOMINEE and the NOMINATOR will be notified about award outcomes. Thank you.