



INNOVATION IN NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP NOMINATION FORM

The purpose of the Innovation in Nonprofit Leadership award is to recognize and celebrate a nonprofit executive who exemplifies extraordinary leadership as the Executive Director/CEO of nonprofit organizations. This award will be presented to a nonprofit executive director/CEO who has demonstrated vision in implementing innovative approaches, such as advanced business processes or program development to achieve measurable gains in organizational performance and efficiency. The Center for Nonprofit Management will honor this leader by awarding \$5,000 to the nonprofit organization that he/she leads. To nominate an individual, please complete the following:

Name of Nominee: _____ **Organization:** _____

Contact Information for Nominee:

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone number: _____ **Fax number:** _____

E-mail address: _____

Name of Nominator: _____ **Organization:** _____

Contact Information for Nominator:

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone number: _____ **Fax number:** _____

E-mail address: _____

Answer the following questions on 8 ½ x 11” paper; observe word limits; place nominee/organization name on each response sheet; begin each answer by repeating the number and question being answered. It is not necessary to use a separate sheet for each response.

1. What is the name and mission of the organization to which the nominee is Executive Director/CEO?
2. How long has the nominee served the organization?
3. Briefly describe the organization and its progress under the leadership of the nominee. Specifically, how has the organization/community benefited from the nominee’s leadership? (300 words or less)
4. Please describe how the leader has used innovative approaches and/or leveraged resources (people, financial or intellectual) to move his/her organization in the right direction. (250 words or less)
5. How does this leader exemplify the essential characteristics of leaders, including but not limited to honest, forward-thinking, inspiring, ethical, visionary/strategic, innovative, coach/team builder and change agent. (200 words or less)
6. Please describe the working relationship of the nominee with both the board of directors and the staff. (200 words or less)
7. What do you see as the long-term impact the nominee has made on the work of the organization? (150 words or less)
8. What other personal and/or professional accomplishments or extraordinary attributes of the nominee would you like to share? (100 words)

Return **seven (7) complete packets** including: **nominee’s résumé, answers to above questions and this nomination form.** Also include **one copy (1)** of the **organization’s board list (with contact information – must include addresses)** and **one copy (1)** of the organization’s **IRS determination letter as proof of 501(c)(3) status.**

To be eligible for consideration, the nomination must comply with the following criteria:

1. The nominee is the current chief staff officer (Executive Director, CEO or equivalent) of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization operating in the state of Texas.
2. The organization must be a member of the Center for Nonprofit Management.
3. Individuals or organizations that have won an Award of Excellence in the past three years will not be eligible to apply.
4. Any agency winning one of the other five Awards of Excellence will not be eligible for this cash award.

**Mail or deliver your entry to: Innovation in Nonprofit Leadership Nomination
Center for Nonprofit Management
2902 Floyd Street, Dallas, Texas 75204**

NOMINATION DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 5, 2009