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2009 Social Entrepreneur Of The Year[®] Official application form

Deadline March 16, 2009

Overview

The Ernst & Young Social Entrepreneur Of The Year[®] Award recognizes talented individuals who have shown extraordinary leadership and innovation in building an organization to address the social needs of our community. The award recognizes that qualities of entrepreneurship such as vision, leadership, passion, and commitment are as valuable to "social" enterprises as to business enterprises. The award also recognizes that the success of both "social" enterprises and business enterprises are essential to the development of successful communities.

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the award, the nominee must be currently serving as the chief paid officer of a public charity and be primarily responsible for the recent performance of the agency. The primary mission of the agency should include initiatives in the areas of health, education, social services, or economic development, which serve and empower underserved and disadvantaged people in the five-county Austin Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) including Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties. Cultural arts are not eligible for this award.

Previous applicants may resubmit to be considered for the current-year award.

Silverton Grant

The Austin-based Silverton Foundation is a private family foundation dedicated to helping empower the working poor to improve their lives, and to fostering greater community awareness of and commitment to social enterprise. The award carries with it a \$100,000 Silverton Grant, which will be directed to the agency of the award recipient. The Silverton Grant is an unrestricted grant, to be used in a manner directed by the award recipient, consistent only with the charitable purposes of the award recipient's agency.

Criteria for selection

The primary criteria for selection of the award recipient include demonstrated commitment to the development of "social" enterprise, and potential for future advances based on a track record of significant accomplishment.

The award is for an individual, not an organization. The award is for key paid personnel of non-profit organizations, not volunteers or employees of a for-profit enterprise. The award recognizes achievement in social entrepreneurship in the fields of health, education, social services, and economic development, not other charitable endeavors including the arts and humanities. The award recognizes achievements through organizations that receive the major part of their financial support from the public in carrying out their charitable activities, but specifically excludes colleges, hospitals, and political instrumentalities.

The independent panel of judges is selected by Ernst & Young and comprises leaders in the fields of entrepreneurship and social enterprise in central Texas. The judging criteria includes a thorough assessment of leadership, strategic direction, innovation, personal integrity, values, and originality.

Submission directions

Please complete the nomination form in its entirety and return via fax or regular mail to Ernst & Young at the address listed at the end of this nomination form. The nomination form cannot currently be submitted electronically. Visit the Silverton Foundation Web Site (www.silvertonfoundation.org) to print out forms, or contact Ernst & Young (amy.warmke@ey.com) or the Silverton Foundation (info@silvertonfoundation.org) to receive an application via fax or regular mail.

Nominee

**PRINT OR TYPE
ONLY PLEASE**

Nominee's name: _____

Title: _____ Birth date: _____

Agency name: _____

Agency address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Nominee's phone: _____ Nominee's email: _____

Agency Tax I.D. no: _____ Agency URL address _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Has nominee previously been nominated for consideration? Yes No

Year agency founded: _____ Year nominee assumed leadership: _____

Nominator

**IF OTHER
THAN NOMINEE**

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

**Financial
data**

Please fill out attached form.

For each of the following sections, please attach a separate statement of about 250 words for each response. Please complete each section as completely as possible, taking advantage of this opportunity to "tell the story" behind the nominee. These narratives are critical evaluation tools for the independent panel of judges.

**About the
Nominee**

Discuss the nominee's entrepreneurial background, including his or her determination to be successful. How does the nominee demonstrate perseverance in the face of adversity and in overcoming obstacles? Describe how the nominee is an independent thinker and is willing to take risks in the face of uncertainty.

**About the
Agency**

Discuss the history of the agency. Include the source of the idea for creating the agency, difficulties in building the agency, significant obstacles faced and overcome within the community and service sector, and personal and professional risks involved.

**Innovation and
future plans**

Discuss how the nominee created an organization that demonstrates a clear and sustained capacity for creativity and innovation in the development and implementation of its mission activities. Discuss also the nominee's vision or plan for the future growth of the agency.

**Management and
agency culture**

Identify and discuss the selection of key management team members, including how they've contributed to the success of the agency. Describe any key "people initiatives" created or sponsored within the agency and how these initiatives have impacted the agency's culture or contributed to the success of the agency. Discuss also the agency's collaborations or coordination with other philanthropic organizations in the community.

Consent

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this nomination form is true and complete.

I understand that the information provided on this nomination form will be used by Ernst & Young, the independent panel of judges, and other sponsors of the Ernst & Young Social Entrepreneur Of The Year® Award program in selecting award recipients, and I consent to the use of such information for such purpose, or for research, education, or any other proper purpose.

If I am selected as a finalist or award recipient, I hereby authorize, in connection with the Ernst & Young Social Entrepreneur Of The Year® program, the use of my name, my agency's name, information, photographs, video recordings, and audio recordings of me from whatever source. I agree that no compensation shall be due me or my agency for such usage.

Nominee's signature: _____ Date: _____

(Required for nomination to be considered)

**Further
information**

For further information, including submission of completed nomination forms, please contact:

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