

# 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Philanthropy Awards Luncheon

## AWARD NOMINATION CRITERIA

Submission Deadline: November 2, 2018

The Philanthropy Awards Luncheon is Nonprofit Connect's signature event, when we come together as a community to recognize extraordinary leaders in Kansas City. With more than 1,000 members of the nonprofit and for-profit community attending every year, the Luncheon is Kansas City's oldest and largest celebration of giving.

### **Philanthropist of the Year**

- Evidence of outstanding civic responsibility as demonstrated by contributions of financial resources and voluntary commitment of time
- Willingness to serve in leadership roles, providing vision and the ability to involve others in philanthropic activity
- Demonstrated impact of creativity in philanthropic efforts
- May be an individual, couple or family

### **Emerging Philanthropist of the Year**

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- Willingness to serve in leadership roles, providing vision and the ability to involve others in philanthropic activity
- Demonstrated impact of creativity in philanthropic efforts
- May be an individual, couple or family
- Philanthropic leadership experience not to exceed 10 years

### **Nonprofit Professional of the Year**

- Professional leadership including demonstration of breadth of responsibility, creativity, ability to build relationships and technical skills
- Use of innovative approaches to achieve measurable gains in organizational performance and efficiency
- Length and content of nonprofit leadership experience

Note: This award is not limited to Executive Directors or Chief Executive Officers, but may be awarded to any paid staff member of a nonprofit organization.

### **Emerging Nonprofit Professional of the Year**

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### **Volunteer of the Year**

- Significant impact made in the community through volunteer service
- Demonstrated leadership and ability to motivate and recruit others as volunteers
- Depth, length and variety of service as a volunteer
- May be an individual, couple or family

### **Emerging Volunteer of the Year**

- Significant impact made in the community through volunteer service
- Demonstrated leadership and ability to motivate and recruit others as volunteers
- Depth, length and variety of service as a volunteer
- May be an individual, couple or family
- Volunteer leadership experience not to exceed 10 years

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## Business Philanthropist of the Year

- Outstanding social responsibility through financial and/or employee volunteer support
- Demonstrated impact of philanthropic efforts in the community
- Commitment to promoting philanthropy within the business

## Excellence in Collaboration

- Presented to a nonprofit organization and another entity, i.e. business, foundation, government agency or nonprofit, whose collective work is creating system-wide change on a complex social issue in our community
- By joining forces and leveraging combined resources, this strategic and ongoing partnership achieves greater results than one entity could achieve on its own
- Nominations for this award should be submitted by one entity on behalf of the partnership

## Excellence in Impact

- Presented to a high-performing nonprofit whose programs and services set a high standard of quality and create meaningful social change in the Kansas City community
- This organization clearly defines its vision and aligns its mission and priorities with its end goal, maximizing its ability to achieve social change
- This organization can demonstrate evidence based, measurable outcomes

## Nomination Criteria

- **At least one letter of recommendation from another entity other than the nominator is required.** The strongest nominations are those prepared through the collaboration of several organizations.
- Previous award recipients are not eligible for nomination for the same award, however past nominees may be nominated again.
- Nominations are considered active for two years. (i.e. Nominations submitted this year will be considered for both 2019 and 2020.)
- Nominees must live and work in the Kansas City area, and the impact of their philanthropic work should focus on the Kansas City area.
- All candidates must be available to attend the luncheon on May 1, 2019 in addition to being available for any pre-event production in Spring 2019.
- All nominations are confidential, and we will not contact nominees unless they are selected.

## Nomination Instructions

- Nominations must be submitted online. [Click here for the online Nomination Form.](#) You can also find the form at [npconnect.org/Philanthropy-Awards-Luncheon](http://npconnect.org/Philanthropy-Awards-Luncheon).
- The Nomination Form includes two to four open-ended questions that match the criteria listed above under each award category.
- You are also able to upload up to five supporting documents to the Nomination Form. Supporting documents can include letters of recommendation, news articles and previous awards. Audio and video cannot be accepted. *At least one letter of recommendation from another entity other than the nominator is required.*
- Emailed or mailed nominations will NOT be accepted.

## Timeline

A diverse selection committee of prior recipients and community leaders reviews all nominations and selects honorees. Nominations are reviewed in December 2018. Nominators are notified in January 2019.

## Questions

If you have questions about the nomination form or criteria, please contact Kari Ziblut at 816-759-8614 or [events@npconnect.org](mailto:events@npconnect.org), or visit [npconnect.org/Philanthropy-Awards-Luncheon](http://npconnect.org/Philanthropy-Awards-Luncheon).