

2012 MNN Excellence Awards FAQs

Q: Do I or the nominee have to be a member of MNN to nominate/qualify?

A: No. All registered 501(c)3 organizations or individuals associated with 501(c)3 organizations in Massachusetts are eligible.

Q: What is the deadline for applying for the Excellence Awards?

A: The deadline for nominations is March 28. Finalists will be notified by May 8. Winners will be announced at Nonprofit Awareness Day at the State House on June 11.

Q: What do winners receive?

A: Winners are recognized at the Nonprofit Awareness Day event at the State House, an event that is attended by nonprofit leaders from across the state and senior members of the Legislative and Executive branches of the state government, including the Governor, who has been invited again in 2012. All finalists are listed in the event program and winners are recognized from the podium during the event. Finalists and winners also receive an award certificate.

Q: How do I nominate an organization for the Excellence Awards?

A: Complete the nomination form and email it to tedwards@massnonprofitnet.org with "[Category] Nomination" in the subject line.

Q: Can I self nominate?

A: Yes!

Q: How are the awards judged?

A: A panel of nonprofit leaders and experts from throughout the state reviews the submissions and selects the finalists based on the criteria listed on each nomination form. After the finalists are chosen, the judging panel again reviews each of the finalist nomination forms to choose a winner in each category.

Q: Can an organization or person be nominated for more than one category?

A: Yes, but separate applications must be completed for each category.

Q: When did the awards begin?

A: Three years ago we presented the first Excellence Awards at the inaugural statewide Nonprofit Day celebration, a state holiday that was recognized and signed into law by Governor Deval Patrick in 2007. Each year, Nonprofit Awareness Day is celebrated each year on the second Monday in June.

Q: How many nominations did you receive last year?

A: Last year we received more than 120 nominations, and, with the great accomplishments of the nonprofit sector, we plan to receive even more this year.

Q: Who can attend Nonprofit Awareness Day?

A: Everybody! Anyone can attend Nonprofit Awareness Day, regardless of whether you have been nominated for an award or are associated with a nonprofit. Attendance is capped, so register early to reserve your spot.