

### Application Overview

Please note: This application is a step-by-step process and requires you to pull together much information. You will want to set aside at least 30 minutes to complete it. Otherwise, your information will not be saved until the application has been fully submitted.

#### **Skanska Educational Enhancement Award**

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- Organization\*
- Name of Nominated Individual or Program\*
- Organization Address\*
- Street Address
- Address Line 2
- City
- State / Province / Region
- Postal / Zip Code
- Country
- Organization Phone Number\*
- Organization Fax Number
- Nominator's Name\*
- Nominator's Title\*
- Nominator's Phone Number\*
- Nominator's Email\*
- Executive Director's Name\*
- Executive Director's Phone Number\*
- Executive Director's Email
- Web Site Address
- Year Organization Founded\*
- Mission Statement (25 words or fewer)\*

## CNM: Skanska Educational Enhancement Award

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As one of the world's premier construction management companies, Skanska is an organization that believes in caring about our people, enhancing the environment, acting in the most ethical ways, and changing our communities for the better. Improving the education systems where we work is an essential and collaborative effort for constructing a strong foundation for the future. Skanska has had a presence in Nashville since 1977 and recognizes the importance of building foundations. This award is intended for nonprofit organizations that assist local K-12 public school systems for:

1. The enhancement of individual learners' attributes, knowledge, ability, skills and potential; and
2. The improvement in the quality of a program and/or in student instruction.

**The Skanska Educational Enhancement Award** will focus on the impact and contributions that local nonprofit organizations demonstrate through direct service and interaction within the public school systems in the Middle Tennessee area.

An award of \$5,000 will be presented to the winner and \$2,000 each will be awarded to two finalists at the Center for Nonprofit Management's Salute to Excellence Awards.

#### **Requirements of the Skanska Educational Enhancement Award:**

- Must be an organization that has been a 501(c)(3) for at least three years, is a member of CNM, and provides significant services to the Middle Tennessee area.
- Provides direct service to, and work within a local K-12 Public School System **(In keeping with the focus on public school enhancement, work within private schools does not make a nonprofit eligible.)**
- Local chapters of national organizations may apply provided the chapters are locally managed and have financial information available on a local basis.
- Winners of this award are not eligible to reapply for three years.  
(For example, if the agency was a winner in 2017, the agency is eligible re-apply for this award in 2021.)
- Finalists of this award are not eligible to reapply for one year.  
(For example, if the agency was a finalist in 2017, the agency is eligible re-apply for this award in 2019.)

#### **Evaluation Criteria for the Skanska Educational Enhancement Award:**

The following evaluation criteria will be used during the review process for the Skanska Education Enhancement Award. Each of the four points below include key items to consider when completing your applications. Please read each question carefully and consider both before and after you answer the question if your organization meets the criteria and has the records to fully answer each of the four points below that will be utilized during the scoring for your application.

- Demonstrating the reach and number of students impacted within a program;
- Establishing innovative programs that encourage achievement and success;
- Providing educational and outreach resources that elevate educational goals and align with the school system's strategic plan;
- Building awareness within the local community through educational programs that showcase the importance of educational effectiveness.

## The Skanska Educational Enhancement Award Application Questions:

1. Describe the program in detail, including the organization's direct interaction within the school system. (Limit response to 100 words) \*
2. Describe how the organization's programming correlates and aligns with the local school system's strategic plan. (Limit response to 200 words) \*
3. How do you measure the performance of the nominated program? What have been the specific, measurable and/or observable results and outcomes achieved over time? What are the projected results and improvements for the next year? (Limit response to 200 words.) \*
4. Explain who is impacted by the program and what tools/resources your organization implemented to enhance the success of the individual learners. (Limit response to 200 words) \*
5. What are your organization's plans to continue and improve your educational initiative within the school system? (Limit response to 200 words) \*
6. Attach or list the relevant key points of the school system's strategic plan or core values.

In applying for the Salute to Excellence Awards, we have carefully read the requirements for submitting the nomination. We understand that this entry will be reviewed by the award panelists to ensure all requirements are met. We also understand that a panel of independent judges will evaluate entries and choose the finalists and a winner. As a part of this process, we understand we may be asked to provide additional information and may be interviewed/visited by representatives of the judging panel. Furthermore, we are aware that any submissions and attachments become the property of the Center for Nonprofit Management and may be publicized as a part of promotions surrounding the Salute to Excellence Awards. \*