



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.

The SunTrust Foundation CFO of the Year Award

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- Organization*
- Name of Nominated Individual*
- Nominee Phone Number*
- Nominee Email*
- 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: The SunTrust Foundation CFO of the Year Award

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While nonprofits are busy providing needed services to their communities, one critical member of the staff makes certain that they are fiscally sound, sustainable, and in compliance with public regulations: the Chief Financial Officer. At a nonprofit this person might be a CFO, an internal accountant, a bookkeeper, or a fiscal manager. In any case, this award will be given to the staff person who has made a financial difference to his or her agency either in creatively working through a time of financial difficulty or in taking advantage of a financial opportunity.

The SunTrust Foundation CFO of the Year Award will focus on how the financial manager has enabled his or her agency to continue or improve its programs through sound financial management practices. Specifically, the CFO, accountant or bookkeeper has provided excellence in these four areas:

- Being a steward for the agency by preserving its assets, minimizing risk, and making certain the books are correct;
- Serving as an operator, running a tight finance operation that is efficient and effective, and adapting the agency's financial model as necessary;
- Being a strategist, helping to shape the overall strategy and direction of the agency, including giving a financial perspective on innovation and growth; and
- Serving as a catalyst, instilling a financial approach and mind set throughout the agency to make certain that the nonprofit performs well as a whole.

An award of \$5,000 will be presented to the winner and \$1,000 each will be awarded to two finalists at the Center for Nonprofit Management's Salute to Excellence Awards.

Requirements of the SunTrust Foundation CFO of the Year 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.

- Local chapters of national organizations may apply provided the chapters are locally managed and have financial information available on a local basis.

-Winners and 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 to re-apply for this award in 2019.)

SunTrust Foundation CFO of the Year Award Application Questions:

1. Identify the nominee for this award by name, title, years with the agency, and short job description. (Limit response to 100 words.) *
2. How has this CFO/accountant/bookkeeper made a difference to the financial health of the agency, particularly in the past two years? How has he/she enabled the agency to solve a financial problem or take advantage of an opportunity? (Limit response to 400 words.) *
3. How has this effort made a difference in the effectiveness of the agency's service to the community? (Limit response to 200 words.) *

In applying for the Salute to Excellence Awards, we have carefully read the requirements for submitting the nomination. We understand that: 1) this entry will be reviewed by the award panelists to ensure all requirements are met; 2) a panel of independent judges will evaluate entries and choose the finalists and a winner; 3) we may be asked to provide additional information and may be visited by representatives of the judging panel; 4) any submissions and attachments become the property of CNM and may be publicized as a part of the Salute to Excellence Awards promotions.*

*** Required field**