



Guidelines and Nomination Form Ruth Mott Foundation Leadership Award

The Ruth Mott Foundation Leadership Award will periodically recognize an individual doing work in Flint whose leadership and advocacy have made a difference in the lives of Flint residents and who has advanced one or more of the priorities adopted by the Ruth Mott Foundation: Youth, Safety, Economic Opportunity, Neighborhoods, or Flint Water.

As a leader, this individual must embrace community engagement and be committed to connecting with and relating to people of all backgrounds in a respectful and genuine way. A 501(c)3 public charity identified by the individual and in good standing with the IRS will receive a grant of \$25,000 to advance the winner's work serving and/or advocating for the people of Flint.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The individual must perform his or her work in the city of Flint, and the work must address one or more of the priorities adopted by the Ruth Mott Foundation: Youth, Safety, Economic Opportunity, Neighborhoods, or Flint Water.
- Previous recipients of the award (both the individual and the organization) are not eligible to receive the award again until five years after receipt.

The nomination process will be opened periodically by the Ruth Mott Foundation Board of Trustees and an award may not be given each year. The individual must be nominated by one or more community members (other than the nominee). Through the nomination form, the nominator must present evidence of the impact of the nominee's work in the community. The nominator cannot be a paid employee of the individual nominated for the award. Board members, volunteers, and community members are among those eligible to make nominations.

The award process will be overseen by an ad hoc advisory committee of five community members, including a representative of the Ruth Mott Foundation Board of Trustees. Like our grant proposals, each nomination for the Ruth Mott Foundation Leadership Award will be vigorously reviewed, and the award will be decided based on exceptional merit. The award will be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Selecting a Nonprofit Organization

Once a winner is chosen, he or she will select a qualified nonprofit organization to receive a \$25,000 grant to advance his or her work in the community. The nonprofit organization selected by the award winner **MUST** meet our eligibility requirements in order to receive the funds.

- The chosen organization must have 501(c)(3) public charity status as determined by the Internal Revenue Service, and must be in good standing with the IRS.
- The chosen organization must serve residents within the city of Flint. Flint does not have to be the only city served by this organization.

- Previous recipients of the award (both the individual and the organization) are not eligible to receive the award again until five years after receipt.
- Faith-based organizations are eligible, but the funds must be used for secular purposes only.

NOMINATION FORM *Please fill out the following:*

Name of nominee:

Nominee's title/position/role in the community:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Name of nominator:

Your affiliation with the nominee, if applicable:

Nominator's title/position/role in the community:

Your phone:

Your email:

Please attach responses to the questions below. Limit responses to 200 words each.

1. Describe how the nominee's work aligns with at least one of the Ruth Mott Foundation's priority areas: Youth, Safety, Economic Opportunity, Neighborhoods, or Flint Water.
2. Describe ways in which the nominee is a leader in promoting the health and vitality of Flint.
3. Why is this work important to Flint and Flint's residents?
4. What is the nominee's primary area of service and who is the population being served?
5. What specific successes and achievements have been accomplished by the nominee?
6. How has the nominee taken risks, if any, in his or her work?
7. What would it take to advance the nominee's mission or goals?
8. What methods of community engagement does the nominee employ? How does the nominee ensure his or her work relates to a community need?
9. Please provide any additional comments that you believe may be relevant to the review of this application.

I have read, and agree to follow, the award guidelines, and I have read all the nomination materials and certify that the statements included here are true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Signature of nominator: _____ Date: _____

Signature of nominee: _____ Date: _____

*E-mail completed nominations, including signatures of BOTH nominator and nominee, to **award@ruthmott.org**. Or, nominations can be dropped off (between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F) or mailed:*

Ruth Mott Foundation Leadership Award
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NOMINATION DEADLINE: 5 p.m. FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017