INNOVATION AWARD

Award Description

The Innovation awards recognize activities by members in 2019 that show originality and impact, expanding preconceived ideas about what is possible through sister cities and international exchange. Applicants should show how their activities deviate from typical models, or how changes or improvements they've made have taken their exchanges to the next level.

In addition, activities should demonstrate success in the fundamentals of sister city exchanges, including cooperation between various organizations or groups in the community, creative fundraising, and a commitment to Sister Cities International's mission: to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation—one individual, one community at a time.

Applicants may highlight one or more exchanges in the respective award category.

Innovation awards are presented to **three (3) communities** in **each innovation category** according to the following population sizes:

- *Population of less than 25,000*
- *Population of 25,001 – 100,000*
- *Population greater than 100,001*

Directions

Please complete the application form on the next page. Additionally, please prepare your program summary statements in a **WORD DOCUMENT**. Please also send 3 high-resolution photos (.jpg or .png format preferred), to awards@sistercities.org. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. The photos will be used for promotional purposes. **Submit your application by June 1, 2020.**

Required: Program Summary Statements

- Executive summary of activities and impact. (max 250 words)
- Brief description of organizations, groups, or individuals participating in project(s) and their role, both domestic and foreign. Please include public bodies, nonprofits, private institutions, trade groups, or individual professionals who contributed to the project(s). (max 100 words/organization)
- Description of the specific activities undertaken for the project. (max 1,500 words) Please include:
    - o Objectives of project(s) and why they were chosen.
    - o Description of actual activities completed.
    - o Who is being impacted by this project(s) and what is the overall impact?
    - o How does this project(s) show innovation or improvement?
    - o What follow up/alumni activities, if any, were done?
    - o *Optional*: An appendix that provides proof of impact. (i.e. news articles, budgets, photos, itineraries, other program materials)

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2020 Annual Awards Application

Award Category *(please check innovation category)*

◯ Best Overall

◯ Innovation: Arts and Culture

◯ Innovation: Youth and Education

◯ Innovation: Business, Trade & Professional Exchange

◯ Innovation: Humanitarian Assistance

◯ Volunteer of the Year

◯ Youth Leadership

If you wish to submit an application for multiple awards, please note that you must complete separate entry forms for each category in which you want to submit an application.

General Information

Organization Name *(as it should appear on the award)*

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City   State   Population

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Organization Email

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Organization Mailing Address

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City   State   Zip Code

Organization Website URL (if available)

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Contact Information

Name of Entry Contact   Phone Number of Entry Contact

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Email Address of Entry Contact

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Name of the Head of Sister City Program

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Please fill out the entire form above. Additionally, please prepare your program summary statements in a separate word document.

When you are ready to submit your application, please attach this completed form, your program summary statement word document, and 3 high-resolution photos (.png or .jpeg) in an email and send to awards@sistercities.org. **Winners will be announced and contacted via email at the beginning of June 2020.**

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