

VIRGINIA MCKNIGHT BINGER AWARDS IN HUMAN SERVICE

Nomination form — Deadline: April 8, 2009

The McKnight Foundation invites nominations for the 2009 Virginia McKnight Binger Awards in Human Service. Each year The McKnight Foundation recognizes up to six Minnesotans who have demonstrated an exceptional personal commitment to helping others in their communities but who have received little or no public recognition. In alignment with McKnight's mission, the Foundation seeks individuals who *attend*, *unite*, and *empower* others in communities throughout Minnesota. Here, we define individuals who "attend" as those who serve people or organizations directly; who "unite" as those who bring people together around a shared goal; and who "empower" as those who enable people to help themselves and others.

Each awardee receives \$10,000 and is honored at a ceremony in late summer.

The awards, now in their 25th year, are named for Virginia McKnight Binger, the Foundation's first board chair and the daughter of the founders. Although she passed away in December 2002, these awards help us remember Virginia's enduring spirit of compassion, humility, and generosity. Last year's recipients include a program provider to the Twin Cities immigrant community; a former gang member who mentors at-risk youth; an artist who fosters self-esteem in inner-city kids; a pair of sisters who teach nutrition through hands-on learning; an advocate for the homeless; and a community organizer who encourages home ownership among low-income families.

Nominations for this year are due by April 8, 2009. Visit www.mcknight.org/awards to submit a nomination online.

PLEASE MAIL RESPONSES TO:

Virginia McKnight Binger Awards
in Human Service

The McKnight Foundation
710 South Second Street, Suite 400
Minneapolis, MN 55401

ELIGIBILITY

The Foundation invites nominations recognizing anyone directly involved in providing human services, especially those working to make their communities more responsive to the needs of poor or disadvantaged people in Minnesota.

- Nominees may be volunteers or service staff working directly with people in Minnesota.
- Nominees (and the work for which they are being nominated) do not have to be associated with any organization to be eligible.
- The process is confidential, and individuals are not to be notified that they have been nominated.
- Individuals may not nominate themselves.
- Nominees may not be past Human Service Award recipients.
- Nominees must be current residents of Minnesota.
- Nominees may be adults or young people.
- Tenure of service will be taken into consideration.

REVIEW PROCESS

A selection committee, composed of human service professionals and volunteers from throughout Minnesota, reviews nominations, checks references, and recommends candidates to the Foundation's Board of Directors. Award recipients are notified in June and honored at a private ceremony in August.

The selection committee will review completed nominations only; the committee will not consider other materials or letters of support.

ABOUT THE NOMINEE

Nominee's Name

Nominee's Street Address, City, State, and Zipcode

Primary telephone number, with area code

Alternate phone numbers (work, home, cellphone, etc.)

Name of organization with which the Nominee works

Nominee's position at the above organization

How many hours (weekly, monthly, or annually) does the Nominee spend on this work?

Is the Nominee paid for this work?

How long has the Nominee done this work?

Name of second organization with which the Nominee works (optional)

Nominee's position at the second organization

How many hours (weekly, monthly, or annually) does the Nominee spend on this work?

Is the Nominee paid for this work?

How long has the Nominee done this work?

Name of third organization with which the Nominee works (optional)

Nominee's position at the third organization

How many hours (weekly, monthly, or annually) does the Nominee spend on this work?

Is the Nominee paid for this work?

How long has the Nominee done this work?

ABOUT THE NOMINEE'S WORK

1. Describe the work for which you are nominating this individual. Please give specific examples of how the Nominee directly serves people and how those activities affect people's lives. If this person is paid for this work, please describe how they go above and beyond the responsibilities of their job. (350-word limit)

2. Briefly list other ways the Nominee contributes to the community. (250-word limit)

3. Describe the person you are nominating. Include information about his or her personal qualities and background (such as special interests, family, or education) that supports your nomination. (250-word limit)

ABOUT THE NOMINATORS

Your Name

Your organization

Your Street Address, City, State, and Zip code

Primary and alternate telephone numbers (work, home, cellphone, etc.) with area code

Your email address

Your relationship to the Nominee

Name of Second Person familiar with the Nominee's contributions

Organization

Primary and alternate telephone numbers (work, home, cellphone, etc.) with area code

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FOR OUR INFORMATION

How did you learn about the Virginia McKnight Binger Awards in Human Service?

- Newspaper / radio
- Word of mouth
- McKnight website
- McKnight postcard
- Other