

National Council on Independent Living 2013 Diversity Award Application Process

The awards will be given to organizations that have demonstrated culturally and linguistically competent programs that enhance the lives of people with disabilities from diverse backgrounds. The nomination will follow framework that supports the broader vision of diversity at NCIL. The NCIL Diversity Committee Award for Excellence seeks to identify and recognize best practices in developing and implementing culturally and linguistically competent programs and / or services that meet the needs of a diverse population of people with disabilities.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must:

- be a Center for Independent Living or a Statewide Independent Living Council,
- have a program and / or service targeted to people with disabilities from a diverse background that has been tested and has a proven track record,
- be a current member of NCIL (applicant or organization), and
- agree to be present at the awards program to be held at the 2013 NCIL Conference in Washington, DC.

Submission Requirements

All applications must be submitted by Friday, May 10, 2013 via email to Stan Holbrook, Diversity Committee Chair (sholbrook@trcil.org). Supplemental material other than those required will not be distributed to the review committee. Please do not mail any materials to the NCIL office.

Please attach the following materials to the application form:

1. The Program Description – Please describe the program and include: how long the program has been in existence; the organizational structure; the population and how many people are served. Describe all services provided. (using no more than 600 words)
2. Effectiveness of the Program and how it meets the needs of a diverse population of people with disabilities - Describe how the diverse population's needs are addressed and how they benefit from the program or services. Please describe how quality and effectiveness is defined and measured for your program and provide at least one measurable outcome of the program. (using no more than 600 words)

3. Innovation – Please describe why you believe the program is innovative. (using no more than 600 words)
4. Potential for Replication – Please describe how the program could be replicated in other areas or settings and what tools you have created to help others replicate the program. (using no more than 600 words)
5. Partnerships or Coalitions – Please describe how the program involves partnerships with other organizations or community groups. Please describe the groups and explain their roles. (using no more than 600 words)
6. Two components addressed in one section, limited to 600 words:

Consumer and Volunteer Involvement – Please describe how consumers and volunteers were involved in the design, governance and / or administration of the program.

Lessons Learned. Please summarize the lessons you learned in developing this program and advice you would give to others who may wish to replicate your program. Describe any barriers encountered in developing and implementing the program and the strategies used to surmount these obstacles.

Recognition

The winning programs will be acknowledged in the following ways:

- Award recipients will be notified by the Diversity Committee Chair by Tuesday, May 14, 2013.
- The award presentation will take place in July at the 2013 NCIL Diversity Awards Reception to be held in Washington, DC.
- There may be recognition of the awards in conference materials and signage.

**National Council on Independent Living
2013 Diversity Award Nomination Form**

Please submit one application per nomination. The deadline to submit a nomination is Friday, May 10, 2012. Please send nomination to Stanley Holbrook, Chair of NCIL Diversity Committee at: sholbrook@trcil.org.

Nominee's Name:

Organization Name:

Contact person's name:

Contact person's e-mail address:

Address 1:

Address 2:

City:

State:

Zip code:

Phone number:

Fax number:

Website: