



2016 Encore Cleveland Prize

The Cleveland Foundation will award a prize of \$25,000 to honor an Encore individual, age 50 and above, in recognition of significant, innovative work that combines personal meaning with social impact. The monetary award will be given directly to a 501(c)(3) organization of the awardee's choice in Cuyahoga, Lake or Geauga County.

About Encore Cleveland

The Encore movement is a national effort to leverage the energy and experience of Americans who seek to fill community needs upon retirement or near the end of their primary careers. Encore Cleveland was launched in 2013 by the Cleveland Foundation, to connect and fund a network of organizations to provide experienced Greater Clevelanders with an array of meaningful opportunities in the community.

The mission of Encore Cleveland is to channel the time, energy and talents of experienced Clevelanders into solving community challenges and filling unmet needs.

Eligibility

Lake, Geauga or Cuyahoga County residents age 50+ leading extraordinary, innovative, social purpose work; the work must be serving a social purpose within Greater Cleveland and have a track record of impact for a minimum of three years. The candidate is someone who:

- Initiated and is leading a significant social purpose effort that began at age 50 or older
- Is considered an inspiring Encore role model for applying years of their experience to a social purpose endeavor
- Is creating lasting impact and improving a social cause

In 2015, the foundation awarded two Encore Cleveland Prizes – to an individual and to a nonprofit or public sector organization. This year, the foundation will present one award, honoring a single individual who is making Greater Cleveland stronger. Organizations are not eligible for nomination this year.

What is Social Purpose Work? As it relates to the Cleveland Foundation 2016 Encore Cleveland Prize, social purpose work is defined as an experienced person (age 50 and above) who applies their talent and expertise to a cause important to him or her to achieve a significant difference in the quality of life for others.

Application Deadline

July 1, 2016

Judging

A panel of judges will select winners based on the following criteria: exemplary and compelling Encore role model; social purpose and significance of impact; innovation and future plans.

