



FAQS for 2016 Encore Cleveland Prize

1) What is the 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.

2) Who is eligible to apply or be nominated for the Encore Cleveland Prize?

Someone 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
- inspires others by applying years of his/her experience to the social purpose/Encore endeavor
- creates lasting impact by working to improve a social cause
- resides in Greater Cleveland (Lake, Geauga, or Cuyahoga County)

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.

3) What is Social Purpose Work?

As it relates to the Cleveland Foundation Encore Cleveland Prize, social purpose work combines an experienced person (age 50+) with a social cause that he/she is passionate about – a meaningful issue that someone applies years of talent and expertise to and through this work a significant difference is achieved in the quality of life for others.

4) Can more than one nomination be submitted for a candidate?

No. Candidates can only be nominated or apply once each year. If you know someone else is nominating a candidate whom you wish to nominate, the best approach is to collaborate on the nomination and submit one consolidated application.





5) What factors would make someone ineligible for the Encore Cleveland Prize for Individuals?

The following categories of people are not eligible:

- employees of the Cleveland Foundation and their family members
- members of the Cleveland Foundation's Board of Directors and their family members
- members of the Cleveland Foundation's Encore Cleveland Prize selection committee
- residents outside of Cuyahoga, Lake and Geauga County

6) How will nominations/applications be evaluated?

Nominations/applications will be reviewed by a selection committee of judges who will base their finalist selections and awardee recommendation on the following:

- exemplary and compelling Encore role model
- social purpose and significance of impact
- innovation and future plans. How does the nominee's approach differ from the traditional way of tackling the issue or problem? What makes it innovative or entrepreneurial?

7) Is the social purpose work required to be within a new organization and/or a 501(c)(3) organization started by the candidate?

No. The social purpose work or endeavor can be in the form of an organized project and does not have to be within the structure of an organization or a 501(c)(3). However, simply applying strong management skills to improve the performance of an organization is not sufficient.

8) How recent does the social purpose work need to be?

The Encore Cleveland Prize for Individuals is not a lifetime achievement award. The candidate's social purpose work must have started at age 50 or older and demonstrate innovation, creativity, and effectiveness with a track record of impact for a minimum of three years. A strong candidate is an Encore role model who showcases new kinds of socially significant work, built on years of experience.





9) What if the candidate is involved in more than one social purpose endeavor/organization?

Although the application only allows one social purpose endeavor/organization to be entered for a candidate, the application questions will allow space to elaborate on all of the affiliations and accomplishments of the nominee.

10) Who can submit nominations?

Nominations are welcome from any individual with knowledge of a potential candidate. Candidates can also self-nominate.

11) Are there eligibility requirements for nominators?

Nominators should be well acquainted with their candidate's qualifications and be available for possible follow-up questions throughout the selection process.

12) Is the nominator required to inform his/her candidate of the nomination?

Yes, as it is important for a nominator to be very familiar with his/her candidate's work to put forth a strong, well-informed nomination.

Note: The awardee must designate the award be given to a 501(c)(3) organization in Cuyahoga, Lake and/or Geauga County.

13) Who makes the final selection of the Encore Cleveland Prize for an Individual?

A panel of local and national judges will review the applications and recommend who should be selected as the recipient of the Encore Cleveland Prize for Individuals. The selection committee judges are distinguished leaders selected for their experience and judgment. The judges' awardee recommendation is subject to the review and final approval by the Cleveland Foundation Board of Directors.

14) How do I submit an application/nomination?

Applications may be submitted via email to encore@clevelandfdn.org or by mail to: Encore Cleveland c/o The Cleveland Foundation, 1422 Euclid Ave., Suite 1300, Cleveland, Ohio, 44115.





15) Should I send letter(s) of support and/or additional materials along with my application?

No. Applications will be evaluated based solely on the answers submitted on the application form. Additional materials will not be considered. During the review process, some applicants may be contacted and asked to provide additional information and/or be interviewed.

16) What is the timetable for nominations and selection of the Encore Cleveland Purpose Prize for Individuals?

Nominations must be received by 5:00 pm on July 1, 2016. Late nominations will not be considered. Finalists will be contacted in August and asked for additional material and possible interviews. The selected awardee will be notified thereafter and receive recognition at an Encore Cleveland event to be held in the fall of 2016.

17) What additional material and/or steps will be required if a candidate is selected as a finalist?

Finalists may be required to participate in an interview with selection committee members. It is important to provide contact information in order to be reached in the August timeframe and to maintain confidentiality on status in the selection process.

18) Who is the contact for further information?

Please email the Cleveland Foundation at encore@clevefdn.org.

