

Frequently Asked Questions for Nominations for Ethics in Action Awards

Has the format for ethics nominations changed? Yes. In the past, we have received nominations in four categories – Business, Nonprofit, Individual, and Youth. We have renewed our focus on people and their stories. Nominators and references take on a greater role in telling the story of someone else’s impact. Nominees are surprised later in the process.

Can businesses or other organizations be nominated? No. Our renewed focus is on people and their stories. If you have a business in mind to receive a nomination, can you point to someone who lead a worthwhile effort?

Can a group of people be nominated? No. At this time, we are focusing on individual nominees. If you have a group of people in mind, does someone stand out in terms of their ethical leadership who would be appropriate to nominate?

Can I nominate myself? No. As we focus on stories, we would like to hear from others about the impact that others have in our community. If you want to be nominated, find someone to do that on your behalf.

Can I submit multiple nominations? You can submit multiple nominations for different nominees.

Can I nominate someone who lives or works outside of Brown County, WI? Yes, so long as the impact of their work described occurred in Brown County or has a significant impact in Brown County.

Can students, staff, and/or faculty be nominated for creating healthy schools? Yes. We welcome nominations by and for students, staff, and faculty.

Are there age restrictions? Yes. Nominators and nominees should be at least 13 years old. If you are under 18 year old, please get a parent/guardian’s permission to submit a nomination.

Can I submit an audio or video nomination instead of filling out the online form? Yes. We welcome audio and video nominations. Please make sure that your audio or video nominations include answers to all of the questions on the online form. Email your audio/video file to Hannah Dernbach at hdernbach@WeAreFoundations.org and make sure to include all of your contact information.

Can I mail in a nomination? Yes. Please print the pdf version of the nomination form and mail it to Hannah Dernbach, Community Outreach and Events Manager, Foundations Health & Wholeness, 1061 W. Mason Street, Green Bay, WI 54303.

What is the deadline for nominations? Nominations are accepted year-round, and nominations received after May 31 will be considered next year, so the independent selection committee has time to fully consider nominations.

What happens after the nomination period closes? The Ethics Story Team, which is made up of community volunteers, reads and evaluates the nominations, conducts additional research, including following up with nominators and story supporters, and makes determinations as to the award recipients to honor at the Ethics in Action Honors Event in October of each year at Lambeau Field.

Is there a minimum or maximum number of finalists and honors to award? No. There may be more than one person honored in each of the workplace, school, and neighborhood categories. At the Honors Event, we hope to highlight the compelling stories that inspire others.