

# Award Descriptions

**Distinguished Philanthropist(s) Award:** Presented to an individual, family or family foundation that has generously donated from personal resources a minimum of ten years, that has made a significant impact in funding to a particular issue or a variety of philanthropic causes.

**Emerging Philanthropist Award:** Presented to an individual, family or family foundation that has generously donated from their personal resources to philanthropic causes for ten years or less, that have shown a deep commitment to a particular social issue or a variety of philanthropic causes.

**Executive Leader Award:** Presented to a business leader whose outstanding leadership has garnered business and civic support for philanthropy. The leader does not have to be the CEO of a corporation.

**Professional Grantor Award:** Presented to a corporate or foundation giving officer recognized for his/her professionalism, sensitivity and generous support to the nonprofit community. This is generally a paid staff position in a grant making organization.

**Outstanding Community Leader Award:** Presented to an individual who has shown extraordinary leadership and advocacy for a cause that has resulted in significant and positive change for a particular neighborhood, issue or segment of our community.

**Outstanding Volunteer Award:** Presented to an individual who demonstrates exemplary volunteerism through the dedication of significant personal time, talents, and resources fostering a particular organization or group of organizations.

**Benjamin Franklin Award:** Presented to a fundraising professional who has attained significant achievements in a long career and is looked to by the profession as a role model. This is generally a person with ten or more years' experience in fundraising that has contributed to the field as a professional, trainer/mentor, and/or volunteer. Nominees do not have to be members of AFP Chicago. Individuals who have previously won the President's Award may be considered for the Benjamin Franklin Award.

**Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award:** Presented to a youth leader or leaders, or a youth-generated project and its team, having demonstrated a significant impact on the Chicago community. The recipient(s) will have demonstrated the philanthropic tradition and values associated with serving the community.