

## ***Idaho Philanthropy Awards – Nomination Form Guide***

The Idaho Philanthropy Awards honors individuals whose **influence, leadership, and service have left a lasting mark on Idaho’s philanthropic landscape**. We seek to recognize those who not only act but inspire; those who invest not only resources, but also vision and visibility. Through their example, nominees help shape a culture of generosity and civic responsibility across the state.

Nominations are accepted in the following three categories. Please carefully review the criteria for each category to ensure your nominee reflects the spirit and impact this recognition intends to honor.

- A. [Idaho Philanthropy Hall of Fame Inductee](#)**
- B. [Nonprofit Leader of the Year Award](#)**
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To visit the Idaho Philanthropy website  
**[idahocf.org/philanthropy.php](http://idahocf.org/philanthropy.php)**

## A. Idaho Philanthropy Hall of Fame Inductee

*Celebrating a legacy of transformative philanthropic influence*

This distinguished honor is awarded to individuals, companies, or organizations who have made a **lifetime or transformative contribution to philanthropy in Idaho**. Their impact resonates not only through measurable contributions but also through **influence – mobilizing others, shaping discourse, and elevating the visibility of giving across communities and the nonprofit sector**.

Ideal candidates will demonstrate:

- **Strategic Leadership:** The nominee has guided organizations, movements, or initiatives with vision, purpose, and long-term commitment.
- **Comprehensive Investment:** Their contribution includes time, talent, and treasure—engaging at multiple levels and modeling generosity for others.
- **Influence & Visibility:** They have served as public champions for philanthropy, inspiring others to give and increasing awareness of critical issues and causes.
- **Sector-Wide Impact:** Through mentorship, coalition-building, advocacy, or institution-building, the nominee has helped shape Idaho's nonprofit and philanthropic ecosystem.

*Examples may include:* A philanthropist who has inspired generations of givers, a community group or company that helped launch a statewide giving initiative, or a community builder whose advocacy changed how Idahoans view philanthropy.

May be given posthumously.

## B. Nonprofit Leader of the Year Award

*Honoring visionary leadership and community influence*

This award celebrates a nonprofit executive whose leadership has advanced not only their organization's mission but also had a **broad influence on the community and sector**. The nominee exemplifies how strong leadership can create momentum, innovation, and enduring change.

Ideal candidates will demonstrate:

- **Mission-Driven Results:** Their leadership has achieved clear outcomes in support of their organization's goals.
- **Influence Beyond the Organization:** The nominee's actions have catalyzed other leaders, fostered sector collaboration, or inspired policy change or public awareness.
- **Innovation & Strategy:** They have introduced impactful programs or systems that improve the way services are delivered, or needs are addressed.
- **Community Ripple Effect:** Their work has extended beyond direct services, shaping attitudes and inspiring others toward civic and philanthropic engagement.

*Examples may include:* A director who led statewide reform efforts, an executive whose partnerships raised the profile of their mission, a board member who advocates for the nonprofit sector, or a leader who has mentored the next generation of nonprofit changemakers.

## C. Governor Cecil D. Andrus Volunteer of the Year

*Recognizing inspiring service and community influence*

This award honors an individual whose **volunteer service has not only strengthened nonprofits but also inspired others to serve, give, and get involved**. The nominee exemplifies how everyday actions can become powerful forces for good when fueled by passion and persistence.

Ideal candidates will demonstrate:

- **Sustained Commitment:** The nominee has invested time, heart, and energy into one or more organizations with notable consistency and dedication.
- **Organizational Transformation:** Their volunteerism has created new opportunities, strengthened infrastructure, or enabled greater impact.
- **Influence Through Example:** Their service has inspired others – volunteers, donors, or community members – to get involved and give back.
- **Elevated Engagement:** The nominee has played a visible and motivating role in creating a culture of volunteerism and civic participation.

*Examples may include:* A volunteer who founded a local outreach campaign, a long-term board member who helped an organization grow, or a grassroots organizer whose dedication mobilized an entire community.

## Nomination & Selection Process

The selection process for inductees is thoughtful and rigorous, ensuring we recognize individuals who have made a lasting impact on our community.

### Idaho Philanthropy Hall of Fame

- **Who Nominates the Hall of Fame Inductees:** Nominations are accepted by invitation only from current and former members of The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) Board of Directors and Regional Councils.
- **Final Selection:** The ICF Emeritus Board, made up of former Board of Directors, reviews the recommendations and selects the final honorees for induction.

### Nonprofit Leader of the Year Award

- **Who Nominates the Nonprofit Leader of the Year:** Nominations are open to the public. The ICF Board and Committees are given the opportunity to nominate.
- **Final Selection:** The ICF Nonprofit Affairs Committee, made up of current and former Board of Directors, reviews the recommendations and selects the honoree.

### Governor Cecil D. Andrus Volunteer of the Year Award

- **Who Nominates the Nonprofit or the Year:** Nominations are open to the public. The ICF Board and Committees are given the opportunity to nominate.
- **Final Selection:** This distinction is awarded in partnership with the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism. The finalist will be selected by the Andrus Center for Public Policy.

## Nomination Instructions

When nominating, please provide:

1. A comprehensive narrative (250–500 words) outlining how the nominee meets the criteria and exemplifies **influence, impact, and leadership**.
2. Specific examples of accomplishments, outcomes, and the broader effect of their actions.
3. Optional but encouraged: letters of support, media coverage, data, or testimonials that illustrate the nominee’s influence and legacy.

Nominations will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of philanthropic and nonprofit leaders from across Idaho.

**Deadline to submit nominations:** 5 pm MST on August 6, 2025

**Submit nominations to:**

- [Click here](#) for the **Nonprofit Leader of the Year** (*open to anyone to nominate*)
- [Click here](#) for the **Governor Cecil D. Andrus Volunteer of the Year** (*open to anyone to nominate*)
- Idaho Philanthropy Hall of Fame nominations accepted by invitation only. Current and Past ICF Board of Directors and Regional Council Members are invited to nominate by [visiting this link](#).

**Questions? Contact:** [events@idahocf.org](mailto:events@idahocf.org)



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