



PO BOX 4193 • EAST LANSING, MI 48826

COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD NOMINEE APPLICATION

The Neighborhood Associations of Michigan (NAM) supports community advocacy as one means to positively impact the quality of life in Michigan communities. The NAM Community Builder Awards seek to acknowledge the work of community-based organizations, individuals, and programs whose commitment to community development and service to others is exemplary. The awards will be presented during NAM's annual conference Saturday schedule.

The NAM Community Builder Award recognizes outstanding community work in the following three (3) areas:

- **ALEX KRUZEL LEADERSHIP AWARD.** This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated leadership qualities and a commitment to improving the community through their work as a volunteer or staff person for a community-based organization.
- **COMMUNITY ASSET AWARD.** This award recognizes a community-based organization that has provided consistent, outstanding advocacy and/or service to their constituency.
- **INNOVATORS AWARD.** This award recognizes a program or service that demonstrates a creative approach to addressing a community need or community problem solving.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

1. An individual, organization or program may be nominated. Applications must clearly indicate which category the nominee is being selected. Nominees may be nominated in only one category each year.
2. Each application must be typed or printed in ink and submitted on the accompanying form, a photocopy of the form, or computer-generated exact likeness of the form. No other format will be accepted.
3. Nominators may submit as many individual nominations as desired.
4. Any supporting documentation must accompany the application. Supporting materials may include a letter of support, news clippings, photos, pamphlets, or similar content. All supporting material must be presented on letter-sized paper, 8.5" x 11. No more than three (3) sheets of letter-sized paper with both sides (front and back) being utilized to provide supporting materials. **DO NOT** submit audio or videotapes, display materials, films, or scrapbooks.
5. Please submit the original and five (5) copies of the completed application form and all supporting materials.
6. Decisions of the selection committee are final. All submitted application forms and submitted material becomes the property of NAM and will **NOT** be returned.

The completed Neighborhood Associations of Michigan nominee awards application may be faxed to NAM at (517) 884-6489, electronically forwarded by selecting the SUBMIT button on the last page, or mailed via the U.S. postal service to:

Neighborhood Associations of Michigan
PO Box 4193
East Lansing, MI 48826

MUST RECEIVE APPLICATION NO LATER THAN:



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Please select the appropriate category for your nominee. A nominee may be nominated in only one (1) category.

- Alex Kruzel Leadership Award (individual)
- Community Asset Award (organization)
- Innovators Award (program/service)

NOMINEE NAME

NOMINEE: _____
CONTACT NAME (if nominee is organization/program): _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____ CELL: _____ EMAIL: _____

NOMINATOR NAME

NOMINATOR: _____
ORGANIZATION (if applicable): _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____ CELL: _____ EMAIL: _____

LOCAL NEWSPAPER

Please list the names and addresses of the nominee's local newspapers.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

REFERENCE NAME

Please indicate a reference who can verify the nominee's community building activities. This person cannot be the nominee, the nominator, nor an employee or relative of the nominee.

REFERENCE NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____ CELL: _____ EMAIL: _____

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Please type or print fifty (50) words or less a summary of the nominee's community building activities.



COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD NOMINEE APPLICATION SELECTION CRITERIA

The responses to the following questions are the criteria by which the quality of the nomination will be judged by the selection committee. Please list specific examples or information when answering the questions. Please use the space provided. If necessary, you may utilize the front side of page 4 ONLY.

What community need prompted the nominee's work?

(Please describe the need addressed by the nominee. Include whether the activity enhanced existing services or fulfilled an unmet need.)

What has the nominee's community building activity accomplished?

(Please include the scope of the activity, the number of people affected, number of hours involved, dollar value of the service, tangible results of the activity, etc. Cite specific results and achievements and explain the impact the activity has had on the community.)

How has the nominee performed the community building activity?

(Describe the innovation or exemplary approach the nominee used, such as community coalitions, generating resources, motivating others, developing public/private sector partnerships, connecting communities and schools, maximizing human capital, etc. Indicate the challenges the nominee had to overcome to do the activity.)
