



2018 NACW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Description & Application Form

What is the NACW Achievement Award Program?

The NACW Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive awards program that seeks to identify and publicly recognize exemplary, innovative women's commission programs that promote the welfare and status of women and girls. The recognition and sharing of innovative programs, services, and educational materials enable commissions to serve as a source of inspiration and model of excellence for others to follow nationwide.

Who is eligible to submit applications?

All women's commissions that are dues-paying members in good standing of NACW are eligible for consideration of the award.

What are the eligibility standards?

All applications must comply with the following standards and application process.

1. All commissions submitting applications must be members in "good standing" with dues paid in full at time of submission.
2. All applications must be completed in full. Incomplete applications will be disqualified from the selection process.
3. Applications must use the format template at the end of this document.
4. All applications must be received by email by the end of business day July 1, 2018.
5. The program must meet the criteria outlined below.

What are the Program criteria?

The program under consideration must meet the following criteria:

1. The program must be a commission program (e.g. initiated, planned and implemented by the commission).
2. The program must have occurred within the last three years or presently be on-going.
3. Commissioners and/or staff must have played a significant role in developing and implementing the program, with only limited assistance from outside technical experts and/or consultants.
4. The program must have demonstrated, verifiable impact on a significant issue of concern to women and/or girls.
5. The program must include an evaluation component that monitors the process and quality of program implementation and the impact of your program (Please review the ABC's of Program Evaluation - included as a separate document).

6. In the case of a program that is in response to a federal or state law, regulation, or order, the program must go beyond mere compliance with the statute, regulation or order, and must display a creative approach to meeting those requirements.
7. The program must be innovative and demonstrate a creative approach rather than rely on the application of techniques or procedures that are common practice in similar commissions.

Ineligible Programs Include:

1. Programs that have received a previous Achievement Award.
2. Programs in which the Commissioners and/or staff have not played a significant role.
3. Programs that do not meet the eligibility and program criteria, as stated above.

Application Process:

For application submission, please follow these instructions:

1. All applications must be submitted in the application format. Do not submit additional pages (e.g. letters of support). Total application should be no more than 2 pages.
2. Only one project per commission may be submitted.
3. Submissions must be submitted by email no later than end of business day - **July 1, 2018**.
The completed application form should be completed in the online form or emailed to: Achievement Awards Committee - memberservices@nacw.com

Selection Process:

1. The Achievement Awards Committee (comprised of NACW Board Members) will review the submissions.
2. The project must have verifiable impact, i.e., address an important problem/concern of women to a significant degree.
3. The project must be innovative, of lasting quality or durability, and/or have transferability, showing promise of successful replication by other commissions.
4. If any projects do not meet the requirements (#2 and #3), the committee will notify the submitting commission.

Announcement of Selected Projects:

All selections will remain anonymous until the 2018 Conference, at which time they will be announced and the commission recognized for its service. Until conference, the award recipients will be known only to the committee and the NACW President.

If you have any questions, please contact us right away so we can assist you. For information or queries, contact Jill Ashton, Vice-President, NACW

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