



## 2017 Excellence Award Nomination Young Professional: Forging the Future

The Young Professional Excellence Award recognizes an emerging nonprofit professional who has made a significant contribution to their organization through their effectiveness, dedication, perseverance, innovative thinking, and interpersonal skills. This award is targeted at professionals 35 years of age or younger.

**Please be as specific as possible when completing the nomination and be sure to highlight why the nominee is uniquely qualified for this award. Nominations will effectively convey the following criteria about how the nominee:**

1. Identified ways to use their experience, passion and skills to address compelling needs or challenges in the community or within the organization
2. Created and implemented effective approaches to reach professional and organizational goals
3. Utilized their vision, innovative thinking, energy, dedication and/ or interpersonal skills to engage colleagues and constituents, overcome challenges, increase the effectiveness of their organization and/or grow professionally
4. Achieved meaningful and measurable outcomes by strengthening the organization and furthering its mission

**Deadline:** The deadline for all nominations is **Friday, March 10, 2017.**

### **Submission Instructions:**

Nominations must be submitted through our online form by March 10, 2017. Please visit [this page](#) to submit your nomination.

Online submission progress can be saved and resumed later, but we suggest you create a word document with your answers just in case. For your convenience, the nomination questions are also listed on the next page.

### **Additional Information:**

Refer to the Excellence Award FAQ page on the MNN website for more information about Nonprofit Awareness Day and the Excellence Award judging process.

### **Questions:**

Please contact Marta Hodgkins-Sumner at [mhodgkins-sumner@massnonprofitnet.org](mailto:mhodgkins-sumner@massnonprofitnet.org) or 617-330-1188x281.

# Young Professional Excellence Award Nomination Form

**\*\*Please prepare the questions below and complete the online nomination form at [www.massnonprofitnet.org/nominate](http://www.massnonprofitnet.org/nominate)\*\***

**1. Nominee Information:**

Name:

Title:

Organization:

**2. Provide a brief description of the nominee's title, responsibilities, and age, plus a brief overview of the organization with which they are associated, including its mission, approximate size and date established, programs and services, and population served. (150 word limit)**

**3. Briefly describe the issue(s) in the community or within their organization that the nominee worked to address. Specify how the nominee's experience, passion, and skills aligned with the goals. (200 word limit)**

**4. Explain what innovative and effective approaches the nominee created and implemented to address the needs and goals mentioned above. Use specific examples. (200 word limit)**

**5. Describe how these approaches reflect the nominee's vision, innovative thinking, energy, dedication and/ or interpersonal skills. Specifically reference tools and tactics used that make the nominee noteworthy. (200 word limit)**

**6. Provide a clear description of the meaningful and measurable outcomes achieved by the nominee. How did the outcomes impact the organization and/or its constituents? Use specific examples. (200 word limit)**

**7. Nominee Contact Information:**

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

**8. Nominator Contact Information: (Please leave blank if self-nominating.)**

Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number: