Call for Nominations:

Network Steward of the Year Award

The Network Steward of the Year Award annually recognizes an NNIP Partner staff member who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to NNIP’s peer-learning network.

Nominations for the 2018 award must be submitted to NNIP@urban.org by ***Tuesday, January 23rd.*** We expect to notify the winner no later than mid-March.

Background

The NNIP network is valued by its Partners for its strength as a peer-learning network and its success at building a community of practice. The community of practice helps strengthen local capacity and advance local policy. A basic level of participation is expected from key staff members in Partner organizations (attending Partners’ meetings, responding to NNIPHQ inquiries and occasional phone calls from other Partners, acknowledging NNIP in presentations, etc.). The network created this award to honor those individuals who go above and beyond those minimum requirements to make contributions that advance at least one of the following goals:

1. strengthening the connectivity among NNIP Partners to increase knowledge sharing within the network, or
2. helping to raise the profile of the network by sharing lessons externally.

Eligibility

* Both the person submitting the nomination and the nominee must be current staff members at an active Partner organization in NNIP.
* Individuals may nominate other staff members within their own organization (but not themselves).
* The outstanding contributions to the network must have occurred in 2017.
* Partner staff serving on the [NNIP Executive Committee](http://www.neighborhoodindicators.org/about-nnip/nnip-executive-committee) in 2017 are ineligible.
* The previous year’s winner is ineligible.

Benefits

* The winner will be acknowledged at the Spring NNIP Partners’ Meeting.
* The award will be featured on the NNIP website and other NNIP and Urban Institute communications outlets.
* NNIPHQ will pay for the hotel stay for one staff member for one NNIP Partners’ Meeting in 2018.

Selection process and criteria

The submissions will be reviewed by two members of the NNIP Executive Committee and one NNIPHQ staff member. Any committee member who is also nominated will recuse themselves from the review panel. The decision will be based on the following criteria:

* The degree to which the nominee makes significant and meaningful contributions to the network or individual Partners.
* The extent to which knowledge and expertise are shared in a way that serves as a permanent resource for all NNIP Partners.

We would appreciate any effort by the person submitting the nomination in compiling known examples of the nominee’s contributions – whether related to helping him or her personally or other Partners. However, the submission does **not** have to be a comprehensive review of the nominee’s actions. NNIPHQ will help augment the nomination with additional examples of ways the nominee has contributed to the network. In addition, we will notify the nominee, both so they are aware of the honor and in case he or she would like to share other examples.

Nomination for the Network Steward of the Year Award

Nominee Name:

Nominee Organization or City:

Your Name:

Your Organization or City:

Your Email:

In 1 page or less, please describe how the nominee’s actions in 2017 have contributed to increased network connectivity, peer-learning, or the network’s profile. Please be as specific as possible and cite any examples of how the nominee’s advice or actions were beneficial to your own work or increased your capacity.

We would appreciate your effort in compiling known examples of the nominee’s contributions – whether related to helping you personally or other Partners. However, your submission does **not** have to be a comprehensive review of the nominee’s actions. NNIPHQ will help augment the nomination with additional examples of ways the nominee has contributed to the network. If you believe another Partner staff member could also provide a testimonial and do not have the time to follow up yourself, please list that individual’s name and contact information.

Please submit to **NNIP@urban.org**.