

NOVO Awards 24th Annual Nonprofit Business Awards Application Form



Please complete and return application.

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Recognizing Nonprofit Innovative Excellence

The NOVO Awards are open to not-for-profit organizations and recognize programs and individuals that have made a difference in the lives of the people they serve, produce outcomes that exemplify innovative excellence and feature best practices of not-for-profit businesses.

Awards are presented in three categories:

- Nonprofit program innovative excellence in an organization with a budget of less than \$2 Million
- Nonprofit program innovative excellence in an organization with a budget of more than \$2 Million
- Outstanding Board Leader that exemplifies the best in nonprofit board service

Eligibility Requirements

- The organization must be headquartered or have operations in Miami-Dade County.
- The organization must be a registered 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization and in business for at least two (2) years.
- Past winners are eligible to reapply after a three-year wait.
- Only applications that meet all the requirements and criteria will be considered.

Application Requirements

- Deadline for application submission is **JUNE 30, 2025**
- Application must be complete
- Only one entry per organization may be submitted
- Copy of the organization's 501 (C)(3) IRS Determination Letter must accompany application
- Discretionary: one letter of support
- Application and supporting documentation must be emailed to athompson@miamichamber.com by June 30, 2025.
- Questions? More information? Contact Alicia Thompson at athompson@miamichamber.com

Award Criteria

Innovative Program Excellence

- Program may be defined as the activities of the organization as a whole or a specific program within the organization
- Program must be a current program being offered by the nonprofit organization.
- Must further the mission of the organization
- Have specific and measurable outcomes
- Demonstrate innovation
- Meet community needs

Outstanding Board Leader

- Furthers the mission of the organization, demonstrates creative leadership and innovation
- Must be a currently active board member (paid staff are not eligible)
- Must be nominated by the nonprofit organization he/she serves or a board peer
- Has shown leadership among colleagues.
- The organization's board must be a governing board with fiduciary responsibility and not an advisory board.

Nominations will be reviewed, and the final selection made by a panel of judges. The top three finalists from each category will be recognized at the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Trustee Luncheon on **Wednesday, September 10, 2025**. All finalists are invited to attend.

A cash award of \$1,000 will be presented to the top finalist in each category:

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SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 24TH ANNUAL NOVO AWARDS:

Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Trustee Luncheon, September 10, 2025, 11:30AM, Jungle Island

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Nominator				
Full Name				
Title/Occupation				
Company				
Address				
City		State		Zip
Phone Number		Email		
Relation to Nominee (can self-nominate)				

Category (Please select one)	
☐	INNOVATIVE PROGRAM EXCELLENCE- ORGANIZATION BUDGET UNDER \$2 MILLION
☐	INNOVATIVE PROGRAM EXCELLENCE- ORGANIZATION BUDGET OVER \$2 MILLION
☐	OUTSTANDING BOARD LEADER

Nominee				
Organization Name				
Address				
City		State		Zip
Phone Number		Website		
Contact Person				
Title/Occupation				
Phone Number		Email		

Organization Overview

1. What is the Organization's Mission? (50-word limit)

2. Summarize the history, long term goals, and current priorities of the organization. (150-word limit)

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Organization Overview (continued)

3. Provide an executive summary of both the organizational budget and program budget. (250-word limit)

Innovative Program Excellence

If applying for the Innovative Program Excellence categories, please complete the following:

1. Describe how the program / organization furthers the mission and goals of the organization. (Program may be defined as the activities of the organization as a whole or a specific program within the organization). (250-word limit)

2. Describe the program / organization's specific and measurable outcomes that tie to the mission and how they are measured. (250-word limit)

3. Why is the program / organization innovative? Describe any "new dimension" of performance, creative approaches, partnerships and collaborative efforts and unanticipated results. (250-word limit).

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Innovative Program Excellence (continued)

4. Describe what community needs this program targeted, how the need was identified and what results were achieved towards meeting this articulated need. (250-word limit)

Outstanding Board Leader

If applying for the Outstanding Board Leader category, please complete the following:

1. Name of Board Leader and Position

2. How does your nominated board member demonstrate exemplary leadership and services to the community. (250-word limit)

3. Describe how your board member demonstrates creativity, innovation, passion, and entrepreneurship in serving the organization (250-word limit)

4. Explain how your board member embraces, articulates, and furthers the mission of the organization. (250-word limit)

5. Describe how your board member demonstrates a commitment to excellence in effective management, accountability, resource development, oversight and stewardship (250-word limit).