



2010 Leadership Awards Call for Nominations

Once again, it is time for The Women's Foundation's signature program – the Leadership Awards! This year's program, called *Between the Cracks & At the Intersections*, is seeking emerging and innovative non-profit organizations in Washington, D.C., City of Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax Counties, VA; or Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, MD working to positively impact the lives of women and girls from under-resourced, oppressed or marginalized communities (communities of women that all too often fall "between the cracks"), or through innovative work at the intersection of gender, race, class, sexual orientation, ability, etc. in their communities.

*Help The Women's Foundation's Leadership Awards committee
find the hidden gems in our community!*

The Leadership Awards Committee – a committee of volunteer donors from all over the region – will make \$10,000 awards to 10 non-profits selected through a process of nomination reviews, interviews and site visits.

In addition, an online vote will be open to the public that will result in an additional award of \$5,000 to one of the ten award recipients.

Award recipients will also be eligible for The Women's Foundation Grantee Partner technical assistance as part of the foundation's "beyond the check" support to area non-profits.

Who is eligible?

The Leadership Awards Program seeks to lift up organizations or specific programs within organizations that meet the theme selected for the year.

Organizations being nominated must meet the following criteria:

- 501(c)3 non-profit with a Board of Directors in place, in operation for at least two years
- Annual budget of no more than **\$2 M**.
- Primarily serving women and/or girls in the area of the chosen theme.
- Located in Washington, D.C.; City of Alexandria, or Arlington and Fairfax Counties, VA; Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, MD.

- Have not received a Women's Foundation Leadership Award in the last 5 years.

Programs being nominated must meet the following criteria:

- Part of a 501(c)3 non-profit with a Board of Directors in place, in operation for at least two years
- A program budget of no more than **\$300,000**.
- Primarily serving women and/or girls in the area of the chosen theme.
- Located in Washington, D.C., City of Alexandria, or Arlington, Fairfax, Montgomery or Prince George's Counties.
- Have not received a Women's Foundation Leadership Award in the last 5 years.

Who can nominate?

The Leadership Awards is all about community engagement. Anyone in the Washington metropolitan area can nominate!

Nominations can be "self"-generated – e.g., board or staff of the program or organization being nominated.

Programs and/or organizations can also be nominated by people outside of the organizations – e.g. volunteers, donors, even just a neighbor in the community!

The goal is to uncover the hidden gems in our community, so we want everyone to have an opportunity to get involved.

Nominate someone yourself, or share this announcement with them and encourage them to nominate themselves.

How to nominate?

To nominate an organization or program for consideration, visit The Women's Foundation website <http://www.TheWomensFoundation.org> to download a nomination form. Complete and return the form with the requested attachments according to the submission guidelines included on the form.

That's all there is to it!

The deadline for nomination submission is **November 3, 2009 at 5 p.m.**

If you have any questions about eligibility or submitting a nomination, please contact Nicole Cozier at 202.347.7737 x203 or ncozier@wawf.org for additional information.