NSPA Awards of Excellence

In honor of NSPA's 20th anniversary, we are expanding our awards program to acknowledge and celebrate more organizations and individuals contributing to student success. The following outlines our new organizational and individual award categories. The application process will include both self-nomination and outside nomination. The award winners will be determined by the NSPA Awards Committee.

Organizational Awards

The Scholarship Provider of the Year Award showcases scholarship providers that leverage their unique resources to strengthen college access and success, advance industry or professional performance, kick-start innovation, and improve conditions in their community and beyond. One outstanding scholarship provider will be selected from each category:

- Small Scholarship Providers: scholarship organizations or institutions that award less than $500,000 in scholarships annually.
- Large Scholarship Providers: scholarship organizations or institutions that award $500,000 or more in scholarships annually.

The Keystone Award is given to an industry a partner or consultant who demonstrates exemplary support of the scholarship provider and higher education community. The award recognizes a company engaged in the sale of products or services to members of NSPA, who has made especially outstanding contributions to the advancement of the scholarship community.

Individual Awards

The Ann Radcliffe Award recognizes the invaluable, exceptional contributions made by an individual to their organization and the scholarship profession. This award is named in honor of Lady Ann Radcliffe Mowlson, the first person to contribute a financial aid scholarship.

The NSPA Fellows Award is a recognition bestowed upon mentors, presenters, volunteers, and authors who
create and expand knowledge and insight into the strategic issues around scholarship administration and student access.

**Eligibility**
- Organizations must be current NSPA members in good standing.
- 2015-2019 winners are ineligible to apply.
- Applicants must submit an application. One letter of recommendation, on official letterhead, will be required for The Keystone Award, The Ann Radcliffe Award, and The NSPA Fellows Award. You will be prompted to upload your letter of recommendation at the end of the application.

**Each award recipient will receive:**
- A congratulatory plaque for display.
- Complimentary #NSPA2020 Conference registrations (one group registration for organizational winners and one individual registration for individual winners).
- Recognition at the 2020 NSPA Annual Conference.
- Recognition on the NSPA Awards of Excellence page.
- Opportunity to review and select future award winners.

**Applications are due by Friday, September 11 at 11:59 PM EST.**

For more information, contact Nicolette del Muro at ndelmuro@scholarshipproviders.org or 303-442-2524 x500.

* **1. Please select from the following options to begin:**
  - [ ] I am applying for the Scholarship Provider of the Year Award
  - [ ] I am applying for The Keystone Award
  - [ ] I am applying for The Ann Radcliffe Award
  - [ ] I am applying for The NSPA Fellows Award
  - [ ] I would like to submit a nomination
Program Information

Please provide the following information about your scholarship program. Focus your responses on the ways in which your program is innovative and/or taking a lead in the scholarship arena, as opposed to describing your scholarship programs.

* 5. Your Contact Information

First & Last Name

Organization

Email Address

* 6. Select your organization type below:

- Small Scholarship Provider (Less than $500,000 awarded annually)
- Large Scholarship Provider ($500,000 or more awarded annually)

* 7. Total number of students who received scholarships through your program in the 2019-2020 academic year. This number should include both new and renewed recipients, if applicable.

* 8. Total dollar value of scholarships awarded in the 2019-2020 academic year. This number should include both new and renewed scholarships, if applicable.
9. Describe your scholarship program and let us know why it should be considered for the Scholarship Provider of the Year award. Please limit your response to 300 words.

10. If you have links to press, blogs, websites, etc. where your organization's accomplishments are featured, please share them below.
Program Impact

One of the characteristics of outstanding scholarship programs is their ability to make a difference in the lives of their scholars, their communities, and beyond. Describe your program's impact by answering the following questions. Please limit your responses to 150 words per question.

* 11. What is your average award per student per academic year? Enter value in US dollars.

* 12. What are the goals of your program and how do you achieve them?

* 13. How does your program define success, how is it measured (metrics), and what were the results of those measurements in the 2019-2020 academic year?
* 14. What impact does your program make beyond your scholarship recipient (impact on student families, community, country, etc.)?

* 15. Does your program provide student supports beyond scholarship dollars?
   - Yes
   - No
* 16. Describe your scholar support services.
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Program Leadership

Winners of the SPOY award demonstrate leadership in at least one aspect of their scholarship programming.

Please limit your responses to 150 words per question.

* 17. What sets your program apart from other scholarship programs?

* 18. Describe how your organization shows leadership through your scholarship program on a local, state, and/or national level(s).

* 19. Describe your innovative practices that promote college access and success.