COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Ocala / Marion County

Inspire Gala Nomination Form 2027

Nomination Criteria by Category

Youth Philanthropist of the Year

- Nomination can come from a teacher, administrator, guidance counselor, coach, or school board member
- Nominee must have completed Adam Hanson Youth Philanthropy in Action program
- Nominee must be in grade 7 through 12 during the current school year
- Nomination requires an example of an act(s) of philanthropy, volunteer work, and being a role model for other students

Emerging Nonprofit

- Nomination can come from any community member within Marion County
- Nonprofit must be under five (5) years old as of January 15, 2027
- Nomination requires the nominee to have an active board or committee, serving in Marion County
- Nomination requires an example of how this nonprofit has fulfilled a need in the community

Nonprofit Board Member of the Year

- Nomination must come from a Nonprofit or fellow board member
- Nominee must have completed one (1) year or more with the nominating nonprofit
- Nomination requires an example of an act(s) of philanthropy, volunteer work, or board commitment to help the nonprofit and the members it serves better

Nonprofit of the Year

- Nomination can come from anyone in the community that has volunteered, sat on the nominee's board, received services from the nominee, or donated to the nominee
- Describe the nominee's community efforts, programs, and how they support the community on a daily basis
- Describe the nominee's greatest impact in the community
- Nomination requires an example of who the nonprofit serves within the community

Corporate Partner of the Year

- Nomination can come from anyone in the community that has witnessed or experienced partnership
- Describe the nominee's volunteer efforts, include which nonprofit(s) or community programs and initiatives the nominee has volunteered with, which individuals and groups they supported, and their length of service
- Describe the impact or value the nominee's volunteer service has made to the community
- Did the nominee begin a new program, solve a community problem, or initiate creative ways tow ork with an organization? If so, explain.
- Describe how the nominee creates a culture of community engagement.

The Unsung Hero

- Nomination must come from a nonprofit, board member, or fellow volunteer
- Describe the nominee's volunteer efforts, include which nonprofit(s) or community programs and initiatives the nominee has volunteered with, which individuals and groups they supported, and their length of service
- Describe, and give detailed examples of, the impact or value the nominee's volunteer service has made to the community

Philanthropist of the Year

- Nomination can come from anyone in the community that has witnessed or experienced the work of the nominee
- The nominee can be an individual or family
- Describe the nominee's volunteer efforts, include which nonprofit(s) or community programs and initiatives the nominee has volunteered with, which individuals and groups they supported, and their length of service
- Describe the impact and value the nominee has brought to our local community by volunteering, serving on a board, or creating community programs through one or more nonprofits

Nominee's Category

☐ Youth Philanthropist of the Year

☐ Emerging Nonprofit

☐ Nonprofit Board Member of the Year

☐ Nonprofit of the Year

☐ Corporate Partner of the Year

☐ The Unsung Hero

☐ Philanthropist of the Year

Nominee's Information

Nominee's Company or Organization: _____

Nominee's Name: _____ Nominee's Title: _____

Nominee's Email: _____ Nominee's Phone #: _____

Nominee's Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Any additional Nonprofit Boards or Committees this nominee may sit on? _____

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Describing the Nominee

Describe why the nominee fits the category selected for nomination. Remember, this nomination will be read by a committee that is outside of our community. Be as descriptive as possible. See Nomination Criteria by Category for guidelines.

Explain how the nominee or organization has demonstrated strong leadership, has developed a strong bond to their community, and works with staff or board to create an environment that is fiscally responsible and ethically strong.

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Has the nominee or organization delivered positive impact on an important community issue? Please share examples and outcomes.

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Nominator's Information

Your Name: _____ Your Title: _____

Your Company: _____

Your Email: _____ Your Phone #: _____

Are you a Board Member, Volunteer, or Donor? _____

*Your personal information and nomination will not be released to the nominee, unless you choose to directly notify the nominee of your nomination.

Submission Instructions and Voting Information

All submissions must be delivered/mailed to the Community Foundation for Ocala/Marion County, 324 SE 24th St., Ocala, FL 34471 or emailed to Submissions@OcalaFoundation.org by February 27, 2027. All submissions will be voted on by other community foundations. All nominee names will be redacted and assigned a number internally by the Community Foundation for Ocala/Marion County. The reviewing community foundations will vote on all categories and send back official results to the Community Foundation for Ocala/Marion County. All nominations will be voted on based on credentials and qualifications provided.