

VANTAGE Aging 3rd Annual SOAR Awards 2019 Nomination Procedures

Nomination Procedures for SOAR Awards are as follows:

1. A person and/or organization can only receive each specific award once in a lifetime.
2. Any person or organization nominated and NOT receiving an award may resubmit again the following year with edits. **We will no longer be extending nominations for subsequent years. You must submit a new application each year.**
3. Any person or organization can nominate for each award. If nominating more than one person and/or in more than one category, an individual application must be completed as listed below or using the online application. Nominees can only be nominated in one award category. Nominees can submit an entry for a person in one category and for an agency in another category, but each nomination must be UNIQUE to the award category. Multiple entries may not be reviewed.
4. The deadline for submitting nominations is **January 31, 2019**. Judged Awards will be reviewed by a panel of judges and all decisions are final. The top three nominees will be announced on **March 1, 2019** and winners will be announced at the SOAR Awards on **May 2, 2019**.
5. For additional rules and tools, please visit our website at www.vantageaging.org.
6. All nominations must include:
 - Name of Nominee
 - Nominee Address
 - Submitter Phone
 - Nominee Email
 - Submitter Name
 - Submitter Address
 - Nominee Phone
 - Submitter Email

DESCRIPTION OF JUDGED AWARDS

Joe Ruby Collaboration in Aging Service Award

Joe Ruby served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities from 1981 until 2016. During his tenure he did so much to encourage collaboration in an effort to produce better outcomes for older adults including Community Based Care Transitions Program, Community Care Coordination, and provider alignment in a variety of service areas. This award will go to a group of people or organizations who improved services to older adults through a collaborative effort in Summit County. To make a nomination, please include the following:

Please demonstrate, in 500 words or more, how the project or campaign delivered in partnership had a positive impact on the senior community. Your reason for nomination must demonstrate one or more of the following:

- Cross-Sector Collaboration
- High Impact
- Partnership with Private, Public, or Third-Party Sector
- Effective elimination of organizational silos and/or sharing of resources and expertise

Age-Friendly City Award

The World Health Organization (WHO) Global Age-Friendly Cities project has developed a checklist as a tool for assessing and making our cities age-friendly. This award will go to a city in Summit County who is making efforts in making their city more age-friendly.

Submissions must demonstrate that the city or municipality has taken steps to address the needs of older adults according to standards suggested by the World Health Organization (WHO). Listed below are eight core concepts provided by WHO and nominees should demonstrate success in addressing and adapting infrastructure and services to meet the needs of older people including:

- Transportation
- Social Participation
- Civic Participation
- Communication
- Housing
- Respect and Social Inclusion
- Employment
- Community Support and Health Issues





Innovations in Aging Award

This award goes to a person or organization who has done something innovative in the last year in Summit County to serve older adults. The innovation can be in any category as long as the outcome improved the lives of older adults. To make a nomination, please include the following:

Please demonstrate, in 500 words or more, how the innovation accomplished one or more of the following:

- Made a positive impact to the aging community
- Improved service delivery or efficiencies
- Provided tangible effectiveness and measurable results



Ed Kaufmann Leadership in Aging Award

In 1977 Ed Kaufmann became the leader of VANTAGE Aging (formerly Mature Services) and took a struggling, startup nonprofit to a multi-service organization that empowers seniors to thrive in our community. He led the organization until his death in 2011. His legend lives on today in the mission of VANTAGE Aging. This award will go to a leader in Summit County who through their leadership has improved the lives of older adults. To make a nomination, please include the following:

- Candidate's educational background (school, degree)
- Current position, organization name and location, and number of years in current position
- Brief career summary, starting positions, locations, and length of service in each position
- Professional affiliations and activities (ie: memberships, committees - include dates)
- Leadership in professional associations (include dates)
- Honors and awards received (include dates)
- Demonstration of how the nominee has accomplished any of the following: Established a positive image for aging and increased the stature of aging in the community. Encouraged innovation and risk-taking in providing aging services. Actively supported all aspects of aging and the needs for targeted population services.



Aging in Place Award

Please demonstrate in 500 words or less how a service provider in Summit County has helped older adults stay in their homes. Provide specific examples of how the nominee has demonstrated successful aging in place.



Aging Environment Excellence Award

Please demonstrate in 500 words or less how the housing service in Summit County provides excellence in their living environments for older adults. Specific examples of programs or services that make the provider exceptional are recommended.



Age-Friendly Business Award

Please demonstrate in 500 words or less how a business in Summit County strives to be friendly to older adults in the way they conduct business.



SUMMIT OSCARS FOR AGING RESOURCES

Applications may be completed online at
www.vantageaging.org/soar
or mailed by January 31, 2019 to:

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