



Excellence in Innovation

The Excellence in Innovation (New Best Practices) Award is awarded to a LeadingAge Ohio member organization displaying innovation through the implementation of a practice or activity which contributes significantly to the quality of life of the individuals served.

Criteria

Applicants must demonstrate:

- Visionary innovation impacting the organization through unique practices with the findings demonstrating value and quality
- A willingness to embrace and/or create new ideas, take risks and honestly test the results
- A practice or activity with potential and actual impact that is measurable and sustainable
- A practice or activity unique to the organization worthy of duplication

Application Questions for Excellence in Innovation

Q1: Summarize the key points of this award nomination. In a nutshell, what do you most want the judges to know about this nominee? *(200-word limit)*

Q2: In clear detail, describe the *concept* of the innovation; that is, how it progressed from genesis to design to implementation, and long it has been in use. *(600-word limit)*

Q3: Provide evidence of the *value* of the innovation. What needs does it meet; what advantages does it offer over alternatives, if any; is it game-changing and, if so, how? How do its costs and benefits compare? *(600-word limit)*

Q4: Describe the *delivery* of the innovation; that is, how consumers or other users have been engaged and how the innovation has been deployed and validated? Has user satisfaction been measured? Provide any available data to support your answer. *(600-word limit)*

Q5: What is the actual and potential impact of the innovation; that is, what has been its immediate, measurable impact and what is its longer-term outlook for sustainability and application by others? *(600-word limit)*



Q6: Provide a brief description of the nominated organization's mission, size, scope of services, and persons served. (200-word limit)