

## Overview & Instructions

The University of Louisville Trager Institute and the Kentucky Association for Gerontology (KAG) are pleased to announce its Awards and Recognition Program.

The program has been created to: a) recognize the excellence of the personal efforts of individuals working in the fields of gerontology and geriatrics; and b) bring increased public and professional attention to and interest in gerontology and geriatrics across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

There are four different types of awards for which individuals can be nominated: the Lois E. Layne Award, the Thoroughbred Award, and Distinguished Achievement Awards for educators and practitioners. Criteria for each award can be found on the following pages.

To nominate an individual for one of the Optimal Aging Conference awards, please submit three pieces of information.

1. Complete the Nomination Information section at the end of this packet.
2. Provide a brief but explicit summary of nominee's efforts and accomplishments.
3. Address and number each of the Award Evaluation Criteria for the respective award for which you are submitting a nomination.

You may attach up to two typewritten pages of supporting information in addition to completing the section below. You may single space and use ½ inch margins, but do not use less than 12-point font. *If you are a KAG member you do not need a Second nominator.*

Nominations must either be emailed to [TragerInstitute@louisville.edu](mailto:TragerInstitute@louisville.edu) or postmarked by May 1, 2019 to the following address:

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University of Louisville Trager Institute  
300 E. Market St., Suite 200  
Louisville, KY 40202

## Lois E. Layne Award

*For student achievement*

The Layne Award has been created to recognize student achievement in the areas of gerontology and geriatrics. The award is presented in recognition of Dr. Lois E. Layne, one of the principle founders of KAG, and former coordinator of Gerontology at Western Kentucky University. The award will be given only if a nominee meets the award criteria. The award is a plaque, a check for \$300.00 and continued recognition as a Layne Award winner. This honor will be presented at the Annual Optimal Aging Conference.

## Evaluation Criteria

Please number and address each of the evaluation criteria:

1. The nominee must be either an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a degree program at an institution of higher learning in the Commonwealth of Kentucky during the academic year in which the award nominations are solicited.
2. The nominee must demonstrate an interest in the academic field of aging, i.e. major or minor studies in gerontology/geriatrics, or completion of a special project in gerontology/geriatrics. This must be specified.
3. The nominee must have attained high academic achievement. The student's grade point average must be included in the application materials.
4. The nominee must have evidence of scholarly activity. Application materials should include the titles, dates, locations, etc. of the student's term papers, journal articles, abstracts, and/or formal presentation at professional meetings. A photocopy of one sample of the student's academic work should be submitted with application materials.
5. The nominee must have evidence of substantial voluntary community service, profession service, and/or university service. Specific evidence should be included.
6. The nominee must have demonstrated leadership skills in student organizations, community groups, professional associations, etc. Describe the extent of involvement.
7. The nominee exemplifies the qualities of unselfishness, integrity, and humane outlook.

## Thoroughbred Award

*For exceptional advocacy for seniors*

The Thoroughbred Award has been created to recognize extraordinary efforts by persons age 60 and older on behalf of the older people of Kentucky and the nation. It is the most prestigious award conferred at the Optimal Aging Conference and is given *only* when a truly deserving candidate is nominated. The award is a plaque and continued recognition as a Thoroughbred Award winner. This honor will be presented at the Annual Optimal Aging Conference.

## Evaluation Criteria

1. Please number and address each of the evaluation criteria:
2. The nominee must be 60 years of age and live in the Commonwealth.
3. The nominee exemplifies the qualities of unselfishness, integrity, and humane outlook.
4. The nominee is an advocate for the elderly. If gainfully employed, advocacy must not be the focus of the paid position. Documentation of advocacy efforts with the workplace and the community should be provided;
5. The nominee has taken a primary responsibility to create positive change regarding at least one older adult issue within recent years.
6. The nominee has demonstrated knowledge of at least three older adult problems/issues. He/she understands policy development (how it works, who controls it, what must be done to make it respond to the groups needs).
7. The nominee reaches out to the wider community to build allies for advocacy issues. He/she participates and fosters networks and coalitions of like-minded people.
8. The nominee must demonstrate an ability to motivate and to empower other to action through the development of older people, the ability to listen, as sense of humor, and a generous and honest style.
9. The nominee has a history of active participation in hearings, meeting, etc. (For example, the nominee gives verbal and written testimony on behalf of older adults in the Commonwealth).

## Distinguished Achievement Award

### *Educator Category*

The Distinguished Achievement Award has been created to recognize exceptional effort as a teacher in the fields of gerontology and geriatrics. The award will be given only if a nominee meets the award criteria. The award is a plaque and continued recognition as a Distinguished Educator Award winner. This honor will be presented at the Annual Optimal Aging Conference.

## Evaluation Criteria

Please number and address each of the evaluation criteria:

1. The nominee must be teaching or have taught within the past three (3) years in an institution of higher education within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
  - a. The nominee consistently demonstrates excellence in teaching evidenced by:
  - b. Comprehensive knowledge of her/his academic field
  - c. Organization and presentation of subject matter
  - d. Stimulation of student thinking and development of student understanding
  - e. Arousal of student interest in the field of gerontology/geriatrics
  - f. Demonstration of resourceful/creative teaching methodologies
2. The nominee demonstrates an interest in fostering the intellectual growth of students.
3. The nominee is actively involved in scholarly or creative work in gerontology and/or geriatrics.
4. The nominee stimulates and/or promotes student scholarship.
5. The nominee contributes to the professional advancement of her/his scholarly discipline.
6. The nominee participates in professional gerontological associations and learned societies and subsequently disseminates current knowledge to students.
7. The nominee exemplifies the qualities of unselfishness, integrity, and humane outlook.

## **Distinguished Achievement Award**

### *Practitioner Category*

The Distinguished Practitioner Achievement Award has been created to recognize exceptional effort as a service provider for older people in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The award will be given only if a nominee meets the award criteria. The award is a plaque and continued recognition as a Distinguished Practitioner Award winner. This honor will be presented at the Annual Optimal Aging Conference.

## **Evaluation Criteria**

Please number and address each of the following criteria:

1. The nominee is an informed professional or volunteer providing service to older Americans. He/she is actively working to improve the quality of life of the elderly in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
2. The nominee exemplifies the qualities of unselfishness, integrity and humane outlook.
3. The nominee is capable of facilitating/providing comprehensive and coordinated community based services that support the independence and well-being of older persons in their families and community.
4. The nominee has demonstrated his/her ongoing competency and effectiveness as a practitioner as measured by her/his:
  - a. Vocational professional training.
  - b. Tenure service.
  - c. Level of care provided-nursing home, hospice, adult day care, senior center, rehab, in-home, hospital, adult protective services, etc.
  - d. Quality of care provided.
  - e. Amount of time in direct contact with clients, patients, family members.
5. The nominee is noted for her/his innovative programmatic accomplishments in providing care and services to the elderly and their families.
6. The nominee makes public presentations regarding aging related issues to c1v1c, church, and community organizations beyond the duties associated with her/his place of employment.
7. The nominee actively participates in organizations and associations related to the needs of the elderly. The nominee holds memberships in gerontological/geriatric organizations at either the local, state, or national level.

8. The nominee pursues continued education relative to the field of gerontology and applies this knowledge accordingly.
9. The nominee is an active advocate for the rights and concerns of the elderly.
10. The nominee demonstrates an ability to provide technical assistance to agencies, organizations, associations or individuals representing the needs of the elderly.

## General Instructions

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### **Nomination Information**

**Category of Award for which this candidate is being nominated: (check one)**

- Lois E. Layne Award (for student achievement)** \_\_\_\_\_
- Thoroughbred Award (for exceptional advocacy for seniors)** \_\_\_\_\_
- Distinguished Achievement Award (Educator Category)** \_\_\_\_\_
- Distinguished Achievement Award (Practitioner Category)** \_\_\_\_\_

### **NOMINEE INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATOR Information**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECOND Nominator Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**(Nominator's Signature)**

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**(Second Nominator's Signature)**

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Send to:

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Subject: Optimal Aging Conference Awards

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