**The Difference Makers Awards Criteria**

**The Eric Nord Award for Excellence in Leadership**

Recognized as the top award given by Leadership Lorain County, The Eric Nord Award for Excellence in Community Leadership recognizes a distinguished citizen and community leader who has given extraordinary amounts of time and talent to the community and exemplifies service and civic support.

***Award Criteria:***

• Community leader as trustee – acting with integrity, faith, and confidence on behalf of the community.

• Catalyst for creation of positive County leadership; demonstrates dedication to strengthening and transforming community leadership.

• Commitment to and involvement in Lorain County

• Exemplifies strong service and civic leadership.

• Generous in giving of time and support.

**Previous Honorees:**

1996 Eric T. Nord

1998 Dr. Roy Church

2000 Beth K. Stocker

2002 Scrib Fauver

2004 Billy Rowland

2005 John S. Corogin

2006 Stanley G. Pijor

2007 Jane Nord

2008 James Kidd

2009 Lee C. Howley

2010 Dr. Denis Radefeld

2011 Betty Blair

2012 J. Daniel Martin

2013 Gail Stumphauzer

2014 Brian Frederick

2015 Cecilia Render

2016 Bill Harper

2017 Edwin Oley

2018 Matthew W. Nakon, Esq.

2019 Thomas D. Stuber

2021 Barb Piscopo

2022 Jon Veard

2023 Timothy Harris

2024 Gayle A. Reeves, Esq.

**The Emerald Award for Inspirational Leadership**

In honor of Leadership Lorain County’s 30th Anniversary in 2015, an award for a young professional was established. The inaugural recipient was Juliana Chase-Morefield, Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio. Geared towards individuals aged forty-five and younger, this recipient must have demonstrated integrity, honor, service, and transformative leadership in Lorain County.

***The ideal characteristics of the recipient include***: creativity, ingenuity and models “best practices” within their respective areas of expertise; dedication to strengthening communities in an effort to create a positive leadership environment; and a commitment to civic service in addition to dedication to their fields; achieved within the age guideline and indicating that they will continue to strive to make a difference in the community as they continue their career.

**Previous Emerald Award for Inspirational Leadership Honorees:**

2015 Juliana Chase-Morefield

2016 Farnaz Ansari

2017 Gregory Willey

2018 Catherine Woskobnick

2019 Daniella M. Locke

2020 Stacie Starr

2021 Marsalis L. Hammons

2022 Parris Smith

2023 Carmen Scott, Esq.

2024 Christopher Cocco

**Excellence in Leadership Award**

These individuals or organizations also exhibit creativity, ingenuity, and model “best practices” within their respective areas of expertise. These individuals or organizations have demonstrated dedication to strengthening communities to create a positive leadership environment and have been committed to civic service in addition to dedication to their fields.

***Award Criteria:***

• Demonstrated significant accomplishments within their field.

• Exhibited outstanding creativity, trusteeship, ethics, mentoring and dedication to continuing positive change in Lorain County.

• Has gone above and beyond to create new standards of excellence.

• Committed to serve the community in addition to the dedication to their field.

***The ideal characteristics of the recipient and/or organization include:*** creativity, ingenuity and models “best practices” within their respective areas of expertise; dedication to strengthening communities in an effort to create a positive leadership environment; and a commitment to civic service in addition to dedication to their fields.

* **It is NOT necessary for a nominee to be a Leadership Lorain County Alumni. They only need to be dedicated, invested, and committed to supporting the growth, vitality, and diversity of Lorain County.**
* **Previous recipients of the Excellence in Leadership Award are eligible for consideration as an Eric Nord Award nominee, however a fully completed nomination form is required.**
* **Previous Eric Nord Award Recipients are not eligible for a second nomination.**
* **Please visit our website at** [**https://www.leadershiploraincounty.com/events/difference-makers-gala/**](https://www.leadershiploraincounty.com/events/difference-makers-gala/) **to view a full list of our honorees.**

**2025 Nomination Form**

# Nominee Information

**Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Professional title and organization, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

# Please indicate by checking here if you feel this individual qualifies for the Eric Nord Award for Excellence in Leadership \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Please indicate by checking here if this individual qualifies for the Emerald Award for an individual aged forty-five or younger \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# How has this individual(s) or organization made a significant impact on Lorain County?

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How has this individual(s) or organization shown responsibility to the community through career or community affiliations?

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# How has this individual(s) or organization acted as a role model or mentor for others?

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# What significant career or community accomplishments have been demonstrated?

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**Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Professional title and organization, if applicable**: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Telephone: E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***Use additional sheets if necessary. Please add any other pertinent information you believe would strengthen the nomination. A resume, biography, Letters of Support, or other information may accompany this form.***

Return this form via email or mail by Friday, September 6, 2024, to Leadership Lorain County, PO Box 882, Elyria, OH 44036 or email director@leadershiploraincounty.com with “Difference Makers Nomination” in the subject line. Please contact us with any questions: (440) 281-8535.