Interested in submitting a Fisher Governance Award Nomination? This guide will help you compile the information you need prior to logging into the GOApply system. It will also help you understand the specific information to include in your responses. BE SURE YOUR ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE IN GOAPPLY IS CORRECT BEFORE SUBMITTING A NOMINATION.

**Organization Information**
- Organization Leader’s Name
- Organization Leader’s Email Address

**Nominee Information**
- Nominee’s Name
- Nominee’s Address
- Nominee’s Telephone Number
- Nominee’s Email Address
- Length of Nominee’s Board Service
- Nominee’s Board Role(s)

**Nominator Information**
- Name
  - First and Last name of person nominating the board member
- Nominator’s Address
- Nominator’s Telephone Number
- Nominator’s Email Address
- Summary
  - Please include a brief summary of your nomination highlighting the nominee’s most significant accomplishments (not to exceed 100 words).

**Narrative Questions** – Responses are limited to 2000 characters (includes spaces and punctuation)

- Indicate how your nominee supports the mission, vision and purpose of your organization. Be specific and give examples.
  - Boards are responsible for helping to develop and support the mission, vision and purpose of the organization and to see them carried out (i.e. the mission used to make decisions; mission, vision and purpose are discussed that make the organization distinctive; the board considers the best available data as cause for reconsideration of the mission, vision, and goals).

- How has the nominee engaged in the process for effective planning? Be specific and give examples for one or more of these responsibilities.
  - In order to ensure effective planning, the board and staff must translate the organization’s mission into goals and objectives (i.e. strategic issues are discussed at regular meetings; the strategic plan is based on realistic assumptions; changing demographics, client needs, economic times are factors considered when examining the revenue stream; there are goals for financial solvency and financial reserves; metrics are used to monitor the organization).

- What role has the nominee played in the financial oversight of your organization? Be specific and give examples.
  - A primary function of an effective board member is to protect the assets and provide financial oversight to an organization (i.e. the board reviews and approves how the organization spends and makes money; policies are established for short and long-term needs; the financial systems and practices meet accepted standards; the organization has goals for reserve funding; and the organization demonstrates transparency in its financial accounting).
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• How does your nominee support your organization? Give specific examples of how the nominee has served as a link between the organization and the community at large and how that has impacted the organization.
  o Board members serve as a link between the organization and the community at large (i.e. board members act as ambassadors; there is a specific communication plan understood by the board; there is a plan for handling controversial issues; key talking points are identified and understood by the board members for use with the public).