

## EcoCenter Community Impact Awards

One of the highlights of the 2018 BaySplash event will be the presentation of EcoCenter Community Impact Awards. We will be honoring a Bayview Hunters Point (BVHP) educator, youth, and organization that have excelled in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) related service to inspire and empower the Bayview Hunters Point community. These honorees exemplify individuals and organizations helping to advance community understanding of some the themes and topics core to the EcoCenter's education programs: environmental justice, urban sustainability, community revitalization, place-based conservation, STEAM education and diversity. As such, these honorees are also furthering bay.org's mission to protect, restore, and inspire conservation of the San Francisco Bay and its watershed from the Sierra to the Sea.

bay.org is San Francisco Bay's largest watershed conservation group, addressing today's most important water-related critical issues including climate change, wildlife protection, sustainability, coast and ocean protection, and watershed health.

### Eligibility

All individuals living and/or working for non-profit/community based organizations serving the Bayview Hunters Point community.

### Categories

1. **Educator:** Individual working in the capacity of a formal (Pre-K to post-secondary education setting) or informal educator (non-profit or CBO based program).
2. **Youth:** Up to age 24 – either individual or associated with community organization/youth group.
3. **Organization:** A non-profit 501(c)3 or community based organization (CBO).

### Criteria

The Community Impact Awards review committee will determine the final nominations, based on the criteria listed below. Nominees should have had exemplary performance in **two or more** of the following:

1. **Innovation:** Describe creative ideas/programs/products this nominee has contributed that have helped improve the furthering of STEAM education or awareness, or enhanced the overall success of STEAM in general.
2. **Leadership:** Describe how this nominee has demonstrated leadership regarding furthering STEAM education and/or diversity. This may include providing vision and strategy to STEAM community activities, setting an example for others to follow while performing STEAM related duties, and/or looking for and acting on STEAM opportunities.
3. **Community Outreach:** Describe how this nominee has actively furthered STEAM education or awareness in the community. Describe the program or activities which specifically contributed to community engagement in STEAM activities. List past and current activities that show how these contributions meaningfully advanced the BVHP community at large.
4. **Inspiration:** Describe how this nominee has brought significant positive change in support of STEAM education and awareness to BVHP community. Describe how this nominee has utilized highly effective practices to inspire and lead others to contribute constructively to STEAM initiatives.
5. **Impact:** Describe how this nominee significantly participates, improves, or enhances the quality of STEAM work in ways that make a substantial difference for STEAM educational outreach and ensures BVHP sustains a high degree of awareness.
6. **Sustainable:** Describe the program and the specific aspects which make it a long-lasting, maintainable STEAM education program. In describing the program one could include: (1) marketing and outreach, (2) number of participants, (3) organizational structure, (4) overall budget, (5) sustainability of the program

in the future, (6) monitoring of participants in their education and career, (7) webpages, (8) endorsements by educational, community or business leaders/companies, and (9) credentials of instructors or program managers.

### **Nomination – Requirements and Rules**

Nominations for a potential awardee may be initiated by any individual or group – and should be submitted in a letter or narrative format describing:

- The individual or group you are nominating;
- What award you are nominating them for (educator, youth or organization);
- What is your contact information;
- What is the potential awardees contact information; and
- A short narrative describing the 2 or more criteria listed above that the nominee exemplifies and why. Narrative should also discuss the magnitude of the accomplishments or contributions, the impact and significance of the activities, and other quantifiable benefits to the broadly defined BVHP community.

The nomination submission deadline is September 8, 2018.

Nomination submissions are accepted either:

- Via e-mail to: [baysplash@bay.org](mailto:baysplash@bay.org) OR
- Drop-off in person at the EcoCenter at Heron's Head Park.

Nominations are completely confidential; the names of the nominees are not made public. Incomplete nominations that are missing any of the information listed above or without an appropriate narrative will not be considered. The nominations are only valid for the current nomination year.

### **Review and Approval**

The nominations will be reviewed and award decisions will be determined by members of the EcoCenter Advisory Committee. The committee will evaluate each nomination according to requirements.

Awardees will be announced no later than September 12, 2018.

### **Ceremony and Recognition**

An awards ceremony will be held in the honour of the recipients at the EcoCenter BaySplash community event on September 22, 2018. The awardees will be recognized as follows:

- Publicly recognized during EcoCenter BaySplash reception on September 22, 2018;
- Name and description of why they received the award published on the EcoCenter website; and
- Awardees featured in monthly bay.org / bay ecotarium newsletter.

### **Questions**

Please contact us at [baysplash@bay.org](mailto:baysplash@bay.org) or 415-623-5348.