

# IAN Best Practice Program Award

The IAN Best Practice Program Award recognizes an After School and/or Youth Development Program from the state of Illinois. This special program is recognized for exemplary program practices and innovative program practices and services. Recognition is awarded annually to a program who exhibits exemplary program excellence, serving as a model for all after school and youth development programs.

**Prerequisite:**

- Program must operate year round with children and/or youth.
- Must be a licensed program or in a licensed facility (school, park district, etc)
- All programs from any sector of After School and Youth Development are eligible to be nominated.
- Programs will be judged on the following: holistic program offering, innovative programming, child/youth engagement, and program evaluation and celebration.

Name of Program \_\_\_\_\_

How long has Program been in existence \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Director \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper (maximum of two pages):

1. Describe the program's holistic approach to after school and or youth development?
2. Describe what is innovative about this respective program?  
Please include examples.
3. Describe how the children/youth are engaged in this respective program? How do they make informed decisions about the program and its offerings?
4. Describe the program's commitment to continued evaluation?
5. Any additional comments about this respective program (awards won, articles written on program, accreditation achieved, etc).

Send completed nomination forms to:

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IAN Best Practice Program Award  
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Please note:

**The Application Process: 1. Submit a completed nomination form to the Illinois AfterSchool Network (IAN) office no later than Friday, February 21, 2020.** The award will be presented at the Annual Spring AfterSchool Conference in Springfield, IL on March 28, 2020