# Inform USA Lifetime Achievement Award

The Inform USA Lifetime Achievement Award celebrates an individual whose sustained contributions to the Information and Referral (I&R) sector have made a profound and lasting impact. This prestigious recognition honors a career defined by exceptional dedication, leadership, and a commitment to excellence that has shaped and advanced the field.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Must be an Inform USA member in good standing
- Nominees must have held a leadership role within an organization or group dedicated to providing Information and Referral services.
- Nominees should have dedicated the majority of their career to the I&R sector.
- Nominees must have served Inform USA in a significant capacity, either as a board member or on a committee.
- Nominees must be retired from their full-time position at the time of nomination.
- Nominees must not have previously received this award.

**Nomination and Selection Process:**

- Nominations can be submitted via an online form, accessible to all Inform USA members.
- The selection of the award recipient will be made by the Inform USA Board President Alumni Committee based on the nominations received. Identifying information such as name and organization will be redacted from the info provided to the Committee.
- If a member of the committee is nominated or nominates an individual, they must recuse themselves from the selection process.
- The Inform USA Board President Alumni Committee decisions are final, and they reserve the right to withhold an award in any given year.

**Award:**

- Inform USA will provide full conference registration (excludes airfare, hotel, and meals outside those covered by the conference ticket) for the selected recipient, allowing

them to attend the event in person and accept the award, should they choose to do so.

● The award will be presented during the Award Luncheon at the Inform USA Annual Conference. If the recipient is unable to attend in person, the award will be shipped to their preferred address.

## Evaluation Rubric for the Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual whose career and contributions have had a lasting, transformative impact on the Information and Referral (I&R) sector. The following rubric will guide the evaluation process, assessing nominees based on their leadership, long-term impact, dedication, and overall contribution to the I&R community.

| Criteria | Description | Points |
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| **Overall Career Achievement** | Please describe the nominee's overall career achievements and how they have contributed to the field of I&R over their career. How significant has their impact been? | 1-5 |
| **Leadership & Mentorship** | How has the nominee demonstrated leadership throughout their career? Have they mentored others and helped shape the future of I&R professionals? | 1-5 |
| **Innovations & Contributions** | Describe the nominee's key innovations, ideas, or strategies that have advanced the I&R field. How have they improved the quality or scope of services provided? | 1-5 |

| Sustained Commitment & Service | Describe the nominee's ongoing dedication to the I&R field, including their advocacy, service, and professional engagement over time. | 1–5 |
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| Professional Excellence & Integrity | How has the nominee exemplified professional excellence and integrity in their work and within the I&R community? Provide specific examples. | 1–5 |

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**Scoring Guide:**

1. Minimal or no contribution. The nominee has shown limited impact or involvement in this area.
2. Limited or partial impact. Some contributions are evident but not widely demonstrated or sustained.
3. Moderate impact. The nominee has demonstrated significant contributions.
4. Strong impact with meaningful and lasting results, with clear evidence of sustained influence.
5. Exceptional impact. The nominee goes above and beyond, achieving notable accomplishments and influencing others profoundly.

**Total Points: 25**

The maximum score for each nomination is 25 points (5 points per category)

If there are multiple submissions for one person, then the information will be combined and scored as one entry.