



Inform USA Lifetime Achievement Award

The Inform USA Lifetime Achievement Award celebrates an individual whose sustained contributions to the Community Navigation 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 community navigation 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 award recipient will be selected 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 information provided to the Committee.
- If a committee member is nominated or nominates an individual, they must recuse themselves from the selection process.
- The decisions of the Inform USA Board President Alumni Committee are final, and the committee reserves the right to withhold an award in any given year.



Award:

- Inform USA will provide full conference registration (excluding airfare, hotel, and meals not covered by the conference ticket) for the selected recipient, allowing them to attend the event in person and accept the award, if they choose.
- 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.

Nomination Form

Thank you for nominating a distinguished individual for the 20256 Lifetime Achievement Award. This prestigious award honors individuals whose lifelong contributions to the Community Navigation sector have made a lasting, transformative impact.

Please complete the following nomination form to submit a candidate for consideration. The nominee must meet the eligibility criteria outlined below.

Full Name of Nominee:

Personal Pronouns:

Current or Former Title/Position:

Current or Former Organization Affiliation:



Nominee's Contact Information

Email:

Phone Number:

Mailing Address:

Please upload a photo of the nominee.

Nomination Justification:

Please describe why the nominee deserves this award based on the following criteria.

Career Impact & Innovation

Describe the nominee's overall career achievements, innovations, and contributions to advancing community navigation.

Leadership & Mentorship

How has the nominee demonstrated leadership throughout their career?
Have they mentored others and helped shape the future of professionals?

Sustained Service & Advocacy

Describe the nominee's ongoing dedication to the field, including their advocacy, service, and professional engagement over time.

Professional Excellence & Integrity

How has the nominee exemplified professional excellence and integrity in their work and within the community? Provide specific examples.

Does the nominee know you have nominated them?

- Yes
- No

Additional Supporting Materials (Optional):



Please attach any additional materials that may support this nomination, such as letters of recommendation, media coverage, or detailed records of the nominee’s career achievements.

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
Career Impact & Innovation	Describe the nominee's overall career achievements, innovations, and contributions to advancing the I&R field and community navigation.	1-5
Leadership & Mentorship	How has the nominee demonstrated leadership throughout their career? Have they mentored others and helped shape the future of professionals?	1-5
Sustained Service & Advocacy	Describe the nominee's ongoing dedication to the field, including their advocacy, service, and professional engagement over time.	1-5

Professional Excellence & Integrity	How has the nominee exemplified professional excellence and integrity in their work and within the 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: 20

The maximum score for each nomination is 20 points (5 points per category)

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