

The Georgia Natural Gas® TrueBlue Community Awards, 2019

We invite Georgia-based nonprofits, 501(c)(3) organizations, that share our focus and commitment to causes in Georgia to apply for a TrueBlue Community Award grant.

TrueBlue Community Awards granted will be within the following focus areas: • Children/Education • Seniors • Energy Assistance • Environment



AWARD LEVELS

Georgia Natural Gas TrueBlue Community Award	(1 Winner)	\$10,000
Blue Flame Awards	(1 Winner)	\$5,000
Natural Leader Awards	(1 Winner)	\$2,500

APPLY

Application materials are available entirely online. For complete details, please visit gng.com.

DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting applications and supporting materials is November 22, 2019. Visit gng.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Awards and grants will be presented in person during the 2019 calendar year.

THE GUIDELINES

Please read the guidelines thoroughly. We invite you to apply!

- Nonprofit must be located within the Georgia Natural Gas service area in Georgia.
- Organization must be registered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
- Organization must be requesting funding for an existing program in one or more of the following focus areas: **Children/Education, Seniors, Energy Assistance, or Environment.**
- A **Summary Page** should be completed.
- A completed **Official Application** must be received along with the **Summary** and any **Additional Supporting Materials including proof of your 501(c)(3) status.**

The deadline for submitting applications is November 22, 2019. Award/grant recipients are requested to receive the grant in person. (*Application materials will not be returned.*)

STEP 1 – SUMMARY

CRITERIA FOR SUMMARY Include the following in an organized manner on one standard 8.5 x 11 page, minimum of 10 point type: *(Not to exceed 100 words per question.)*

- Official name of your organization and any widely recognized acronyms or abbreviations:
 - Contact name (for application)
 - Title of contact
 - Organization's telephone number
 - Complete mailing address
 - E-mail address
- A background description of your nonprofit organization, including your organization's:
 - Founding history and principles
 - Long-term mission
- The project or program your nonprofit seeks a grant for; must have shown meaningful, lasting change in a Georgia community.
 - Focus area
 - Objectives
 - Benefits
 - Impact
- Provide measurable, quantitative results and a qualitative overview. Consider the following:
 - How many people were impacted?
 - How has this had a direct impact on the community?

Provide additional supporting materials including proof of your 501(c)(3) status.

Attach a copy of your 501(c)(3) with the summary, official application, and supporting materials.

STEP 2 – OFFICIAL APPLICATION

The application portion of the Georgia Natural Gas TrueBlue Community Awards should identify a specific project or program for which your nonprofit is seeking funding.

Contact Name: _____

Title: _____

Nonprofit Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Which category are you applying in?

Children/Education Seniors Energy Assistance Environment

PLEASE LIMIT EACH WRITTEN ANSWER TO 100 WORDS OR LESS.

- Describe your motivation for applying for a Georgia Natural Gas TrueBlue Community Award.

2. If you are the recipient of a Georgia Natural Gas TrueBlue Community Award, specifically what project will it be used for? *(Describe the project in some detail.)*

3. Estimate the number of people this award may have the ability to affect?

4. How has your organization been innovative in terms of addressing the needs of the community and local Georgia residents?

5. In summary, why is this program/organization worthy of a Georgia Natural Gas TrueBlue Community Award?

ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION

6. How many employees (full time, part time, contractors) does your organization employ? _____

7. How many operating sites in Georgia does your organization maintain? _____

Where is your headquarters? _____

8. Which of the following best describes your organization's total annual operating budget (inclusive of all revenue sources) in U.S. dollars? *(Please check the appropriate box.)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,001 - \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$250,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50,000,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250,001 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 or More |

9. Please list a reference (outside of your organization) that can attest to the validity of your organization, your focus, and your application.

Reference Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

10. *(Please check)* YES NO

I confirm that the information regarding this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Please do not omit any answers.

Signature

Date

STEP 3

Provide supporting materials, review application, and send.

A completed Official Application must be received along with the Summary and any Additional Supporting Materials including proof of your 501(c)(3) status.

Submit to: **GEORGIA NATURAL GAS**
TrueBlue Community Awards
817 W. Peachtree St., Suite 1000
Atlanta, GA 30308

The deadline for submitting your complete entry is November 22, 2019.

All mailed entries must be postmarked by November 22, 2019. If not, entry will be disqualified.

Application materials will not be returned.

All winners and finalists will be selected from completed applications received by the due date of November 22, 2019. Initial applications may be screened by Georgia Natural Gas employees and/or its affiliates and vendors to ensure that they meet overall judging criteria. An independent panel of judges will select the winners in their discretion based on such criteria as they deem appropriate. Judges may or may not be revealed to the public. All winners agree to have at least one representative receive the award in person at a mutually agreeable time, date and location. Nonprofit organizations (including foundations) directly affiliated with for-profit corporations or competitors are encouraged not to apply. Applications may be submitted by one applicant, a team, or a third-party with the project coordinator or designee serving as the primary contact. Winners agree to use the award directly as described in their application and not as a "pass-through" to any other nonprofit organization or entity. Winners agree to have their image and likeness, including photos and all submitted materials, used for reasonable news and promotional purposes. Previous winners are not eligible to apply or win for a period of three years.