

2023 GALING POOK CITIZENSHIP AWARD GUIDELINES

The year 2015 marked the launching of the First Galing Pook Citizenship Award. The program searched and recognized civil society organizations (CSOs) and non-government organizations (NGOs) that consistently create positive impact in addressing the complex challenges faced by local communities rooted in poverty and inequality. These are the organizations working with local governments and grassroots communities that continue to maximize opportunities for citizens' participation in governance and creatively mobilize resources for social impact.

Since 1993, the Galing Pook Foundation recognizes outstanding LGU programs through its Galing Pook Awards. Now, it further seeks to complement this thrust with the harvest of knowledge products when it comes to citizens' organizations and champions promoting effective citizens' engagement in local governance and development with the 2023 Galing Pook Citizenship Award.

The Citizenship Awards searches for CSOs or NGOs that contribute to building **safe, sustainable, and smart (3S) communities**. These include programs that are focused on empowering communities to improve quality of life outcomes, adapt to climate change, promote local economic development, support vulnerable sectors, and strengthen the transparency, accountability and participatory mechanisms of government.

Eligibility

- Must be a citizens' organization registered with or recognized by any government agency/instrumentality (SEC, CDA, DOLE, NYC, LGU or other similar institutions)
- In operation for at least one (1) year

Selection Criteria

- Promotion of People's Participation and Empowerment (40%)
 - Promotes inclusive policies and practices such as gender, age, ethnicity and ability
 - Mobilizes community members to engage in local governance processes (*Examples*: participation in Local Special Bodies and participatory budgeting and planning)
 - Mobilizes community members to achieve the defined goals of the organization
 - Maximizes the use of available democratic spaces, and exercises civil and political rights (*Examples*: third-party monitoring of government projects including expenditures; organizing communities for participatory governance)
- Positive Results and Impact (20%)
 - Data and evidence related to the achievement of goals
 - Persistence to achieve the defined goals of the organization
 - Ability to overcome obstacles/challenges related to achieving the goals
 - Number of direct and indirect beneficiaries, as well as the benefits gained from the program (*Examples*: 50 fisherfolks, 100 farmers, etc.)
- Innovation and Adaptation (20%)
 - New approach to solving adaptive challenges such as new ways of engaging stakeholders or implementing solutions
 - Local adaptation or contextualization of existing strategies
- Sustainability (20%)
 - Mechanisms for sustaining the outcomes and impacts beyond the organization's initiatives

(Example: efforts to organize communities and stakeholders to increase ownership and adoption of programs/projects)

- o Possibility for replication

Selection Process

Eligibility Screening: The GPF secretariat reviews whether the entries meet the eligibility criteria.

Screening: The Galing Pook Citizenship Award Selection Committee reviews all the applications to identify entries that meet the selection criteria and recommend these for validation.

Validation: Assigned selection committee members and Galing Pook personnel validate the program documents submitted and gather more information through interviews with implementers, beneficiaries, and other key stakeholders of the program. Results of the validations serve as the basis for the selection committee to identify the Citizenship Awards Finalists.

Final Presentation and Interview: The finalists will present to the selection committee and respond to further clarifications.

Awarding Ceremony: The Galing Pook Citizenship Award is conferred.

Timeline of the Activities:

August 2023	Launching of the 2023 Galing Pook Citizenship Awards Call for Applications
September 15, 2023	Deadline of Applications
September 15-29	Screening and Validation
October 2023	Final Presentation and Interview Awarding Ceremony

General Guidelines

- Provide all the required information and make sure that no item is left blank.
- Responses may be in English or Filipino.
- For parts that require narratives, be concise and straightforward in your answers. A limit of **3,500 words per part** would be imposed.
- You can submit your application through the Google Forms via <https://bit.ly/2023GPCitizenshipAwards>.
- Only applications submitted through the Google Forms will be considered officially submitted.

Contents of the Submissions

PAGE 1: General Information on the Applicant & Contact Information

Organization:

- Name of the organization, cooperative, association or group
- Complete official address of the organization (w/ Postal Code)
- Email address of the organization

Head of Organization:

- Name of Head of Organization
- Official designation of Head of Organization
- Email address of Head of Organization
- Contact numbers (mobile number & landline)

Contact Person or Respondent:

- Name of Contact Person or Respondent
- Official designation of Contact Person or Respondent
- Complete office address (w/ Postal Code)
- Email address of Contact Person or Respondent (required)
- Contact numbers (mobile number & landline)

PAGE 2: Organization Narrative / Brief

Provide a **narrative** briefly illustrating the organization's profile, as well as its program or initiative. Include in the narrative the (1) community's needs/problems that the program/initiative addressed, (2) objectives of the program/initiative, and (3) corresponding strategies to meet the objectives.

1. Provide a brief profile of your organization, including your mission-vision, main objectives, and primary goal. *(Maximum of 3,500 characters)*
2. Provide a brief narrative of your core project/s or program/s that you wish to showcase, indicating the following:
 - a. Community's needs/problems addressed;
 - b. Project/Program objectives; and,
 - c. Strategies implemented.*(Maximum of 3,500 characters)*

PAGE 3: Promotion of People's Participation and Empowerment (Maximum of 3,500 characters)

See below possible areas and questions that may guide you in answering this portion:

Areas:

- o Promotes inclusive policies and practices such as gender, age, ethnicity and ability
- o Mobilizes community members to engage in local governance processes *(Examples: participation in Local Special Bodies and participatory budgeting and planning)*
- o Mobilizes community members to achieve the defined goals of the organization
- o Maximizes the use of available democratic spaces, and exercises civil and political rights *(Examples: third-party monitoring of government projects including expenditures; organizing communities for participatory governance)*

Guide questions:

1. What are the inclusive policies pursued related to gender, age, ethnicity and ability?
2. How are the community members mobilized to engage in local governance processes and achieve the defined goals of the organization?
3. How is the exercise of civil and political rights protected and promoted to maximize the use of available democratic spaces?

PAGE 4: Positive Results and Impact (Maximum of 3,500 characters)

See below possible areas and questions that may guide you in answering this portion:

Areas:

- o Data and evidence related to the achievement of goals
- o Persistence to achieve the defined goals of the organization

- Ability to overcome obstacles/challenges related to achieving the goals
- Number of direct and indirect beneficiaries, as well as the benefits gained from the program (Examples: 50 fisherfolks, 100 farmers, etc.)

Guide question: How does the organization demonstrate persistence or stick-to-itiveness to achieve the defined goals of the organization?

PAGE 5: Innovation and Adaptation (*Maximum of 3,500 characters*)

See below possible areas and questions that may guide you in answering this portion:

Areas:

- New approach to solving adaptive challenges such as new ways of engaging stakeholders or implementing solutions
- Local adaptation or contextualization of existing strategies

Guide questions:

1. What is the new approach to solving adaptive challenges such as new ways of engaging stakeholders or implementing solutions?
2. How did new strategies or approaches help overcome challenges or obstacles to achieving the defined goals?

PAGE 6: Sustainability (*Maximum of 3,500 characters*)

See below possible areas and questions that may guide you in answering this portion:

Areas:

- Mechanisms for sustaining the outcomes and impacts beyond the organization's initiatives (Example: efforts to organize communities and stakeholders to increase ownership and adoption of programs/projects)
- Possibility for replication

Guide questions:

1. What are the mechanisms and strategies of the organization to sustain its outcomes and impacts?
2. How does the organization mobilize its stakeholders to increase their ownership and actively participate in sustaining the initiatives?
3. How can the program be replicated in other areas?
4. Optional: Is there support from LGUs through ordinances and plans?

Attachments

- Annual report, program documentation, or other similar documents, if available
- Organizational structure
- Photos or videos showing the activities and impacts of the initiatives or programs when available.

Certification of Accuracy

The head of the organization must certify the accuracy of the information provided by downloading and signing the following statement [here](#).

“We certify that to the best of our knowledge, all of the information contained in this Application Form and annexes are true and accurate.”

DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 15, 2023