

IGNITE AWARDS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the Ignite Awards for Human Rights all about?

Ignite Awards for Human Rights, the first ever human rights awards in the country, was created by Amnesty International Philippines to accord Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) the highest recognition for the work they do in uplifting human rights in the Philippines. Amnesty International believes that there is always someone who is fighting to ensure that no one is left behind, alone, or forgotten. Amnesty International is one with the HRDs in fighting, directly or indirectly, for a world where human rights is the norm. Amnesty International Philippines would like to recognize the power of ordinary people doing extraordinary work in defense of human rights.

2. How often will Ignite Awards for Human Rights be held?

After the launch on 28 May 2017, Ignite Awards for Human Rights will be held every three years thereafter. The awarding ceremony for Season Two is in 2020.

3. Who were the previous awardees of the Ignite Awards for Human Rights?

Ignite Awards for Human Rights was launched on 28 May 2017, during the celebration of Amnesty International Philippines' 30th anniversary. The first awarding was held last 2 June 2018. Last season's recipients were Senator Leila De Lima for Most Distinguished Human Rights Defender - Individual; DAKILA – Philippine Collective for Modern Heroism for Most Distinguished Human Rights Defender – Organization; Floyd Scott Tiogangco for Outstanding Young Human Rights Defender and Christia Angela Roque for Art that Matters for Film. See www.amnesty.org.ph/igniterecipients/

4. What categories do Ignite Awards for Human Rights have?

The award categories for the Ignite Awards for Human Rights are:

- Most Distinguished Human Rights Defender (one individual and one organization)
- Outstanding Young Human Rights Defender
- Art that Matters

Art that Matters Award is dedicated for an individual artist or group of artists from different genres like music, film, literature, visual arts and performance arts who serve as influencers to defending freedoms. Artist/s who have utilized their masterpiece to uphold human rights. For every awarding season, Ignite Awards for Human Rights will award one for an individual artist or a group of artists for the year's chosen genre.

Ignite Awards for Human Rights Season Two's genre for Art that matters is **Literature**. The recipient can be a literary artist specializing in one or all types of literary art: poetry, prose, drama, fiction, non-fiction, creative non-fiction, and other types of literature.

5. What are the Requirements for Eligibility to be nominated?

Most Distinguished Human Rights Defender

For individuals:

- a bona fide Filipino citizen, 26 years old and above, **not an active Amnesty International member**, residing in the Philippines
- must significantly contributed to the upliftment of human rights in the Philippines or elsewhere
- made a clear qualitative or quantitative impact on human rights in the Philippines

For organizations:

- must have the accreditation of relevant Philippine government institution or agency, initiated and run by Filipinos for the benefit of Filipinos
- must have significantly contributed to the upliftment of human rights in the Philippines
- must have consistently rendered meritorious human rights work in the Philippines
- made a clear qualitative or quantitative impact on human rights in the Philippines

Outstanding Young Human Rights Defender

- a bona fide Filipino citizen, 25 years of age (on or before 28 May of the awarding year) or under, **not an active Amnesty International member**, residing in the Philippines
- must have exemplified exceptional leadership and excellence in mobilizing the youth to take action for human rights in the Philippines
- must have engaged with human rights work for the substantial part of his/her youth in the Philippines or elsewhere as part of his/her learning on human rights

Art that Matters for Literature

- a bona fide Filipino citizen of any age, a practicing literature writer or any profession related to literature, **not an active Amnesty International member**, residing in the Philippines
- must have impact on the Filipino people in promoting human rights using their literary work
- must have consistently advanced human rights through their literary work

6. Who can place nominations for the Ignite Awards for Human Rights?

Anyone can nominate an organization or an individual as long as they use the nominations forms found here: www.amnesty.org.ph/igniteseason2.

You can choose to nominate on all categories or just one for your chosen category.

All nominees are requested to fill out Amnesty International's standard *curriculum vitae* (CV) form found on the nominations link after submission.

To complete your nomination, ask your nominee/s to fill out and sign the CV to be emailed either by the nominator or the nominee to: info@amnesty.org.ph with the subject: **Amnesty Ignite Awards (category), (name of the nominee)**.

Example: *Amnesty Ignite Awards Most Distinguished Human Rights Defender (individual), Juan Dela Cruz*

The CVs will be examined initially by the Ignite Awards for Human Rights Selection Committee. Eligible candidates will be contacted shortly for a brief interview over the phone or personally.

7. Can I nominate myself?

Yes. Individuals who wish to nominate themselves for any of the Ignite Awards for Human Rights category are welcome.

In the nominations form, simply input your name both on the nominee and nominator field and follow the instructions found on this FAQ item #6.

8. Do you give posthumous award?

For the current season, we will not give a posthumous award but it can be considered in subsequent awarding seasons.

9. What if my nominee is qualified in two or more categories?

If you think your nominee is qualified in more than one Ignite Awards for Human Rights category, you can nominate that individual on two or all categories so long as he/she meets that basic eligibility requirement. See FAQ item #5.

Please note that nominating the same individual in two or more categories means that you have to fill out each nomination form for all the categories. However, the nominee only needs to submit one CV for his/her multiple nominations EXCEPT for the Art That Matters category which has a special CV form, thus needs to be filled out and sent separately.

10. What are the Criteria for Judging?

Ignite Awards for Human Rights Board of Judges will be guided by the following criteria:

Impact of human rights work

Coverage of human rights work

Credibility

11. How will the nominees be scored?

Awardees will be determined via score cards specifically developed by Amnesty International Philippines for the Ignite Awards for Human Rights Board of Judges.

12. Who are the members of the Board of Judges?

Ignite Awards for Human Rights 2017 - 2020 Board of Judges are:

Atty. Jose Manuel Diokno, Chairperson

Atty. Diokno is the founding dean of the De La Salle University (DLSU) College of Law, and the Chairperson of the Free Legal Assistance Group (FLAG), the oldest and largest association of Filipino human rights lawyers. He was the General Counsel of the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee in the 12th Congress, and is one of the Philippines' foremost human rights lawyers.

Aurora Parong, M.D.

Dr. Parong served as a board member of the Human Rights Victims Claims Board. She served as board member of the Human Rights Victims' Claims Board, a quasi-judicial body which recognized and provided reparation to victims of human rights violations during martial law under the Marcos regime. She was formerly the Section Director of Amnesty International Philippines and Executive Director of the Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (TFDP) and the Medical Action Group (MAG). As a medical doctor, she helped many individuals during martial law in the 70s. She was later detained and became a political prisoner. She is a staunch advocate of human rights.

Khoo Ying Hooi, PhD.

Dr. Khoo Ying Hooi is Deputy Head and Senior Lecturer at the Department of International and Strategic Studies, University of Malaya. Currently a columnist in a local Chinese newspaper, Sin Chew Jit Poh, Ying Hooi is the Editor-in-Chief of Malaysian Journal of International Relations (MJIR), and she sits in the Board of Editors with the Indonesian Law Review (ILREV). Ying Hooi is Malaysia's national focal point for the thematic study on the right to education under the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human

Rights (AICHR). She holds several other positions including, Assistant Secretary-General in the Society for the Promotion of Human Rights (PROHAM), Vice Chair in the Courage Fund Cambodia, Advisory Panel in the World Alliance for Citizen Participation (CIVICUS) Monitor. Prior to her academic career, Ying Hooi worked at several corporate sectors and the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) as the Head of International Issues and Cooperation.

Bayang Barrios

Bayang Barrios is a musician and singer who hails from Bunawan, Agusan del Sur and is known for her use of indigenous instruments and styles. She is multi-awarded and has written songs on women's rights and the indigenous peoples struggle. She is also a stage actor, a peace advocate, environmental activist and a social worker.

13. When do nominations close?

Ignite Awards for Human Rights 2019 deadline for submission of nominations is 28 September 2019.

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14. What will the awardees receive?

Aside from the prestige of being recognized by Amnesty International for human rights work, awardees for all the categories will receive an Ignite Awards for Human Rights trophy, plaque of recognition, lecture series with Amnesty International Philippines, a feature on the campAlign News Magazine printed and online, a feature on the Brave Campaign webpage via a promotional video shared via social media.

15. What are the advantages of being an Ignite Awards for Human Rights nominee?

Official nominees under each category will be rewarded with a token of appreciation and invited on the awarding night on 28 May 2020 in honor of their commitment, regardless of their chosen field, in uplifting human rights in the Philippines.

About Amnesty International

Amnesty International is a global movement of more than 7 million people who campaign for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all. We reach almost every country in the world and have more than 2 million members and supporters who drive forward our fight for rights and 5 million activists who strengthen our calls for justice.

Our vision is for every person to enjoy all the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards.

We are independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion, and are funded mainly by our membership and public donations.

Amnesty International forms a global community of human rights defenders based on the principles of international solidarity, effective action for the individual victim, global coverage, the universality and indivisibility of human rights, impartiality and independence, and democracy and mutual respect.

Amnesty International Philippines Section (AIPh) came into existence in the 1980s as an advocate, lobbyist and educator on human rights in the Philippines. It was initiated by Atty. Sammy Matunog, former national coordinator of Protestant Lawyers League and Ed Garcia who had experience working with the International Secretariat. AIPh was formally recognized a section in June 1991.

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