



National Awards

(All awards will be determined by a committee comprised of ToolBank USA board members and/or staff)

ToolBank Affiliate of the Year Award - "Golden Hammer"

ToolBank USA has created the ToolBank Affiliate of the Year Award to recognize outstanding performance and/or accomplishments of an Affiliate who exemplified the mission of the ToolBank by supporting their member agencies and partners. In a coordinated effort, the Board, staff and volunteers worked together to fulfill a need in their community to provide the right tools, training, and/or conduit to get it done.

History: The ToolBank concept was created in Atlanta in 1991 with the idea of neighbor helping neighbor by giving their time and loaning their tools to do home repairs for their neighbors in need. In 2008, ToolBank USA was launched to replicate the model and establish ToolBanks throughout the United States. The ToolBank's signature lending model allows charities to focus on their mission by relying on ToolBanks to provide, store, and repair critically-needed tools and equipment. ToolBanks share their resources with charitable groups so they can equip volunteers to efficiently complete work in less time, with the right tools, at minimal costs. Using ToolBank tools, community based organizations avoid the expense of purchasing, repairing and storing tools. Each year, the ToolBank recognizes a ToolBank Affiliate who has been outstanding in furthering the mission and vision of the ToolBank.

Eligibility: This award is open to affiliates in good standing that have been loaning tools for at least one year. ToolBanks that are under the management of ToolBank USA will not be eligible. Affiliates can win this award in consecutive years

Documentation and Requirements: ToolBank affiliates will be considered for this award through a nomination process. Nominations can be submitted by any affiliate ToolBanker, which includes affiliate staff, affiliate board members and affiliate volunteers. ToolBank USA staff and board are not permitted to submit nominations.

ToolBank USA will provide a nomination form, which will include space for a narrative of no more than 500 words, to state why the Affiliate should receive the Golden Hammer Award. The nomination must also be accompanied by a letter of support from a current member agency. The winner of the Golden Hammer Award will be determined by the ToolBank USA Board of Directors.

Recognition and Award: The winning affiliate will have their name added to the Golden Hammer national signage and will also receive a keepsake award to display at their warehouse. The selected Affiliate of the Golden Hammer Award will receive a \$2500 grant.

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2020 Nomination Form

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Date: _____

Affiliate ToolBank being nominated: _____

Name of person submitting nomination form: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

How are you associated with this ToolBank? Please Check One

- Affiliate Board Member
 - Name of Affiliate _____
- Affiliate Staff
 - Name of Affiliate _____
- Affiliate Volunteer
 - Name of Affiliate _____
- Other _____

Please provide a narrative of no more than 500 words, to state why the nominated affiliate should receive the Golden Hammer Award.

****THE NOMINATION MUST ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM A CURRENT MEMBER AGENCY.**

Please include any photos that you feel may be helpful to this nomination.

- Check here for authorization of ToolBank USA to use these photos for collateral, media releases, and/or social media posts. I(we) also have a photo release from any person/persons represented in the photo.

Name: _____ Signature: _____