

2018 REP THE CROWN AWARDS

The REP THE CROWN Awards Competition recognizes efforts by Tri-State communities, businesses, volunteers, and organizations to make our neighborhoods clean and safe. Cincinnati is beautiful, and with your help, we are keeping it that way!

AWARD ELIGIBILITY

The Rep the Crown Awards Competition recognizes efforts by Tri-State communities, businesses, volunteers, and organizations to make our neighborhoods more clean, safe, and beautiful. The competition is concerned, specifically, with innovative projects and community events that reduce litter, further recycling and beautification efforts, or address quality of life and sustainability issues related to overall community improvement.

All entered projects and events must have occurred (at least in part) between March 2017- November 2017. Community groups are welcome to enter multiple projects into different categories, but individual projects may only be entered once.

AWARD NOTIFICATION & PRESENTATIONS

All winners will be recognized at the **Love Thy 'Nati Celebration**. Winners *will not* be announced until the ceremony. All entrants will be invited to the event and are encouraged to invite, as guests, those closely involved in the entered project or event. All attendees must RSVP for **Love Thy 'Nati** by the date on the forthcoming invitation. Entrants and invited guests will be limited to five (5) persons per community group. There will only be ONE (1) winner in each category.

All entries become the property of KCB. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful has the right to eliminate or change project categories. All cash prizes must be invested back into the community.

Any questions regarding eligibility and criteria should be directed to:

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AWARD CATEGORIES

SCHOOL AND YOUTH AWARD

GOLDEN LIGHTBULB

This award is designated for projects initiated and/or led by youth, ages 7-18. Projects must be submitted with a partnering organization or community and must meet certain qualifications. The winning entry will receive a \$500 cash award for the partnering organization.

Examples:

- implementing a new student-led recycling program at a school
- eco-art projects (created with reused or reclaimed materials)
- Eagle Scout project that addresses community blight issues

Deadline: **Sunday, January 21, 2018**

For award-specific Entry Procedures, see the [GOLDEN LIGHTBULB ENTRY FORM](#).

COMMUNITY AWARDS

GOLDEN SPADE

This award is reserved for a completed Great American Cleanup (GAC) event or project that incorporates a wide variety of activities with the long-term goal to create a clean and safe community. Projects of this size usually leverage the participation of multiple residents, community groups and businesses in order to be successful. The project must address issues of environmental sustainability in a community. The winning entry will receive a \$500 cash award.

All completed GAC projects are eligible for this award. Projects must have been registered with KCB as a part of the GAC and *must* have completed a [results report form](#).

Deadline: **Sunday, January 21, 2018**

For award-specific Entry Procedures, see the [COMMUNITY AWARDS NOMINATION FORM](#).

GOLDEN PAINTBRUSH

This award is for a project that strategically addresses blight and quality of life issues in targeted areas. It should fit into at least one of KCB's Urban Revitalization Program areas: Arts, Graffiti Abatement, Vacant Lot Stabilization, or Illegal Dumping Abatement. Please visit our website for more information on this program. Projects with an element of environmental sustainability given preference. The winning entry will receive a \$500 cash award.

Examples:

- a public art installation in vacant store windows
- establishing a graffiti task force in a designated areas
- a community-led gardening project in an overgrown, vacant lot

Deadline: **Saturday, January 21, 2018**

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