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TO : PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF REGIONS VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, NIR AND, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : INVITING NOMINATIONS AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS TO THE 7TH RAMON ABOITIZ FOUNDATION, INC. TRIENNIAL AWARDS

The Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. (RAFI) Triennial Awards is an award program in the Visayas and Mindanao that gives recognition to individuals and institutions who make significant contributions to social development particularly in areas where help is most needed.

The RAFI Triennial Awards is awarded every three years in two categories namely: the Ramon Aboitiz Award for Exemplary Individual Category and the Eduardo Aboitiz Award for Outstanding Institution Category to individuals and institutions who have done philanthropic, humanitarian, and holistic efforts in enhancing the quality of life of groups and communities.

The foundation is now accepting nominations individuals and institutions for the 7th RAFI Triennial Awards. The deadline of submission of application is until December 31, 2016. Attached are the Application Form and Guidelines for eligibility and other requirements, or you can download them from the GPF website at <http://rafi.org.ph/triennialawards/425/nomination-form/>

In this connection, Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, the ARMM Governors, and DILG Regional Directors of Regions VI-XIII, NIR are encouraged to nominate deserving individuals and institutions to the 7th RAFI Triennial Awards.

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The DILG Regional Directors concerned are hereby enjoined to support and cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular within their area of jurisdiction.

For more details, please get in touch with RAFI Triennial Awards Program Officer Ms. Elisabeth Baumgart at Elisabeth.baumgart@rafi.org.pg or at telephone numbers (+06322) 411-1700 loc.2445 or +63917-5854643.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mel Senen S. Sarmiento'.

MEL SENEN S. SARMIENTO

Secretary



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NOMINATE YOUR HERO NOW!

NOMINEE

Individual

Institution

Name: _____ Age/Year of Existence: _____

Address: _____

Contact details: Landline: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

What are the reasons for nominating the individual or institution? _____

NOMINATOR

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact details: Landline: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Affiliation: _____

Relation to Nominee: _____

Where did you first hear about the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. (RAFI) Triennial Awards?

RAFI Employee

Print Ad/Public Service Announcement

RAFI Triennial Awards finalist or awardee

Poster

RAFI Partner: Name: _____

Press Release

Website

Others: _____

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7th Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. Triennial Awards

The RAFI Triennial Awards is the premier award for social development in the Visayas and Mindanao that recognizes the philanthropic, humanitarian, and holistic efforts of individuals and institutions in enhancing the quality of life of groups and various communities.

Ramon Aboitiz Award for Exemplary Individual Category

Open to every Filipino, natural born or naturalized citizen, at least 30 years of age and of good moral character whose dedication to his/her profession or vocation has made significant contribution to the advancement of the well-being of fellow Filipinos.

Eduardo Aboitiz Award for Outstanding Institution Category

Open to all institutions/organizations (government organizations, non-government organizations, civic society organizations, or people's organizations or private institutions) established for at least three (3) years, with functional programs and services, and have built partnerships with other groups in bringing about comprehensive and responsible development.

Nominate online or download a nomination form at:

www.rafi.org.ph/triennialawards

Submit accomplished nomination form to:

**RAFI Triennial Awards
Eduardo Aboitiz Studies Center
Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc.
35 Lopez Jaena Street
Cebu City 6000**

For more information, contact the

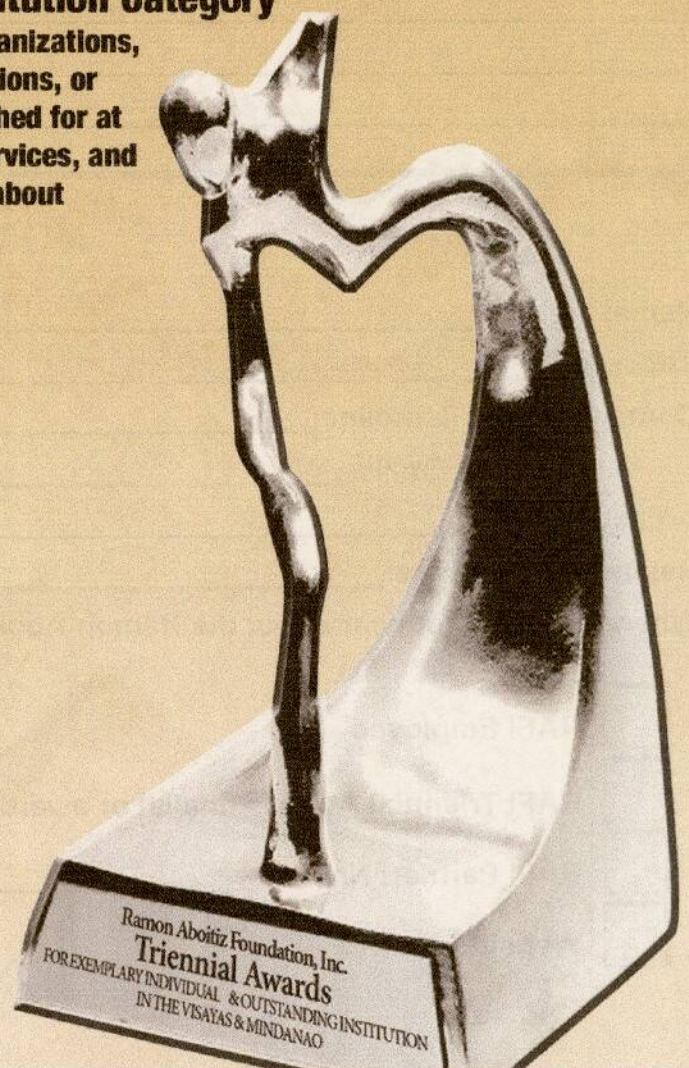
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Background and Objectives

- Launched on December 6, 1996 during the foundation's 30th anniversary to commemorate Don Ramon Aboitiz and his son Don Eduardo Aboitiz whose efforts have expanded from that of traditional philanthropy into democracy-based and people-oriented endeavors.
- The RAFI Triennial Awards is conferred every three years to give ample time for the extensive screening and validation process of nominees.
- The RAFI Triennial Awards was established to recognize individuals and institutions who have committed themselves to building a more humane, equitable, and caring society.
- The RAFI Triennial Awards honors those men, women and organizations who, through their efforts to bring about change and better the lives of the less-privileged, reflect the philanthropic, humanitarian and holistic ideals and values of the RAFI founders, Don Ramon Aboitiz and Don Eduardo Aboitiz.
- The RAFI Triennial Awards are given in two categories: The Ramon Aboitiz Award for Exemplary Individual and the Eduardo Aboitiz Award for Outstanding Institution.

Criteria

The Ramon Aboitiz Award for Exemplary Individual Category

- The Ramon Aboitiz Award for Exemplary Individual is open to every Filipino, natural born or naturalized citizen, who is at least 30 years old and of good moral character whose dedication to his/her profession/vocation has made significant contributions to the advancement of the well-being of his/her fellow Filipinos.
 1. Fosters respect for the dignity of a person through philanthropic and selfless deeds.
 2. Initiated and/or implemented programs for the benefit of the less privileged and created lasting impact on their lives.
 3. Demonstrate integrity, industriousness, leadership and initiative.
 4. Exhibits selfless commitment and dedication to uplift the socio-economic condition of the poor and the marginalized.
 5. Practices pro-Filipino and Pro-God values.



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The Eduardo Aboitiz Award for Outstanding Institution Category

- The Eduardo Aboitiz Award for Outstanding Institution is open to all institutions / organizations (government organizations, non-government organizations, people's organizations and other private institutions), established for at least three (3) years with functional programs and services that have build dedicated partnerships with other groups in bringing about comprehensive and responsible development.
 1. Exhibits leadership in responsible development; serves as a catalyst of change.
 2. Developed strong partnerships with government organizations, non-government organizations, civic and people's organizations and other groups in bringing desired, holistic, societal change.
 3. Established self-reliant communities whose values are responsive to the well-being of their members through the process of participation, capacity and institutional building, people empowerment and gender equity.

Nomination and Selection Process

Nomination

- The general public and identified nominators may endorse candidates by completing the *Official Nomination Form*. Previous nominees may be nominated again. Self-nomination is not accepted.
- Nominated parties will be informed of their nomination and will be given an *Acceptance Form*. Upon acceptance of the nomination, nominees will be requested to submit pertinent documents.

Selection

- Individuals and institutions nominated for the RAFI Triennial Awards will undergo an extensive screening process.
- A Search Committee composed of representatives from the media, academe, business groups, and PO/NGO has been formed to shortlist the nominees. The Search Committee will then submit and present the short-listed nominees to the RAFI Board of Trustees who will determine the final awardees.

Notification

- The Finalists will be duly informed as to the date of the awarding ceremony. The Finalists are required to attend the awarding ceremony.



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Past Awardees

PAST AWARDEES – Ramon Aboitiz Award for Exemplary Individual

2000 - Warlito Laquihon (Bansalan, Davao del Sur)

2003 - Eddie M. Alih (Bongao, Tawi-Tawi)

2006 - Ramon S. Piang, Sr. (Upi, Maguindanao)

2009 - Chelsea R. Cacaldo, M.D. (Dumaguete City)

2012 - Rene V. Vendiola (Valencia, Negros Oriental)

2015 – Anita Castillon (Lake Sebu, South Cotabato)

PAST AWARDEES – Eduardo Aboitiz Award for Outstanding Institution

2000 - Lamac Multi-Purpose Cooperative (Pinamungahan, Cebu)

2003 - Cebu CFI Community Cooperative (Cebu City)

2006 - Lihok Pilipina Foundation, Inc. (Cebu City)

2009 - Visayan Forum Foundation, Inc. (Visayas and Mindanao)

2012 - Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation, Inc. (Verbena Street, Bacolod City)

2015 – Kadtabanga Foundation for Peace and Development Advocates, Inc. (Maguindanao)



RAFI Triennial Awards Frequently Asked Questions

What are the RAFI Triennial Awards about?

- The Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. (RAFI) Triennial Awards for the Visayas and Mindanao recognizes the philanthropic, humanitarian, and holistic efforts of individuals and institutions in enhancing the quality of life of various groups and communities.
- The RAFI Triennial Awards also commemorate and reflect the philanthropic, humanitarian and holistic ideals of Don Ramon Aboitiz and his son, Don Eduardo Aboitiz.

Who gives the Awards?

- The Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. (RAFI) based in Cebu City, Cebu, Philippines

Why is the coverage only for the Visayas and Mindanao?

- Because the majority of the awards given in the RP have gone to individuals and organizations based in the National Capital Region (NCR) and Luzon
- RAFI's geographic focus is the Visayas and Mindanao regions where many outstanding individuals and organizations should also be recognized, rewarded, and promoted

What is RAFI?

- Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. is a non-stock, non-profit organization committed to "*Touching People, Shaping the Future*" by working towards "elevating lives through a comprehensive approach that champions best practices in community development".

The position calls for the foundation to be:

- **Collaborative**—adhering to an inclusive process as a venue for sharing knowledge to gather the best resources, and providing opportunities to establish partnerships;
- **Holistic**—conceptualizing programs that look into multi-issues and draw comprehensive solutions, according to the foundation's and the partners' resources, with the end of empowering people; and a
- **Role Model**—leading communities to sustained change and results by utilizing best practices at the same time exploring innovative solutions and setting an example to other development partners by promoting their work and causes.

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What does the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. (RAFI) do?

- RAFI has evolved from a strictly philanthropic organization founded by Don Ramon Aboitiz in 1966 to a development agency today under RAFI president Roberto Aboitiz and the Aboitiz family that remain committed to creating opportunities.

What are the focus areas of RAFI:

- Integrated Development
- Micro-Finance & Entrepreneurship
- Culture & Heritage
- Leadership & Citizenship
- Education

RAFI's role remains to provide the architecture of participation, setting the stage for partnerships, coalitions, and project management by working with local government and civil society in bringing about positive change.

How long have the RAFI Triennial Awards been around?

- Since 1996 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the founding of RAFI in 1966

Is there a prize?

Apart from a cash prize, there are two trophies:

- The Ramon Aboitiz Award for Exemplary Individual in the Visayas and Mindanao, and
- The Eduardo Aboitiz Award for Outstanding Institution in the Visayas and Mindanao.