2024 Ruth Shack Leadership Award
Program Guidelines

The Miami Foundation values exceptional community leadership and aspires to see a diverse and ever-growing generation of leaders taking shared responsibility for the future of our region. The Ruth Shack Leadership Award honors an outstanding rising leader who embodies the character and qualities for which Ruth Shack is known: a passionate champion for Greater Miami, steadfast ethics, unselfish service, and a connector of our diverse community.

Arriving in Miami in 1950, Ms. Shack served for three terms on the Miami-Dade County Commission and for 24 years as president of The Miami Foundation. During that time, she championed numerous efforts around social justice, the arts, historic preservation and much more. She is one of Miami’s most courageous leaders, having demonstrated her commitment to improving our community throughout the years.

The Foundation seeks to identify a local leader who embodies the leadership qualities tied to this special award. Anyone can recommend a nominee - self nominations are allowed. The Foundation will recognize this year’s winner at its annual leadership celebration on October 17, 2024.

Nominations will be open until June 21, 2024 at 11:59 P.M.

CRITERIA

Nominees must be age 45 or younger and must live and work in Miami-Dade County. They may work in any field or sector. They should stand out for the following:

- Demonstrating passion and commitment as a leader in improving Greater Miami
- Being a bold champion for an issue that impacts our quality of life
- Transcending their own space to elevate others and build collaborations for broader impact
- Displaying integrity and ethics that distinguish them among leaders
KEY DATES

- **Nominations Submissions Due** – By Fri, June 21, 2024 at 11:59 pm est
- **Finalist Profiles Due** – By Wed, July 31, 2024 at 11:59 pm est
- **Winner Notification** – By mid-September
- **Leadership Celebration** – Thurs, Oct 17, 2024

PAST HONOREES

- **2019** | Chad Bernstein
- **2018** | Nadege Green
- **2017** | Rebecca Fishman Lipsey
- **2016** | Vance Aloupis
- **2015** | Felecia Hatcher
- **2014** | Saif Ishoof
- **2013** | Amy Rosenberg
- **2012** | Daniel Diaz
- **2011** | Jaret L. Davis
- **2010** | Marlon Hill

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Visit our website: [miamifoundation.org/civic-leadership/ruth-shack-leadership-award/](http://miamifoundation.org/civic-leadership/ruth-shack-leadership-award/)

Question? Contact Yazmin Valido at yvalido@miamifoundation.org.
Nomination Submissions – due Fri, June 21, 2024, 11:59 pm
Nominations can be submitted by anyone, including self-nominations.

- Visit https://themiamifoundation.submittable.com/ and go to the 2024 Ruth Shack Leadership Award Nomination Form.
- New users will need to provide a name, email address, and create a password.
- Complete the form by Friday, June 28th, 2024 at 11:59 pm.
- The form includes the following:
  1. Eligibility assessment – Is the nominee 45 or younger and do they live and work in Miami Dade County?
  2. Basic contact information (name, email, phone)
  3. Profile information for the nominee
     - LinkedIn profile for the nominee
     - Age/Date of Birth
     - Briefly share how you know about the work of the nominee
     - Explain how the nominee aligns with the values of this award:
       - Demonstrating passion and commitment as a leader in improving Greater Miami
       - Being a bold champion for an issue that impacts our quality of life
       - Transcending your own space to elevate others and build collaborations for broader impact.
       - Displaying integrity and ethics that distinguish you among leaders

Finalist Profile Submissions – due Wed, July 31, 2024 11:59 pm
Finalists will be contacted by The Miami Foundation by the end of June inviting them to complete a nominee profile submission.

They will receive a private link to a Submittable form to complete their nominee profile.

The nominee profile includes the following:
  1. Eligibility assessment – Is the nominee 45 or younger and do they live and work in Miami Dade County? Is the nominee available on Oct 17?
  2. Headshot (upload)
  3. Bio (upload)
4. Describe and share examples of how you reflect the award’s criteria (1000 words max)
   ▪ Demonstrating passion and commitment as a leader in improving Greater Miami
   ▪ Being a bold champion for an issue that impacts our quality of life
   ▪ Transcending your own space to elevate others and build collaborations for broader impact
   ▪ Displaying integrity and ethics that distinguish you among leaders

5. Final comments (optional)

STEP 3

Application Review
The Miami Foundation will be recruiting an Advisory Committee to review nominee profiles and select a winner. The Advisory Committee will be made up of former Ruth Shack Leadership Award winners and other community leaders and will be announced at a later date.

STEP 4

Notification
Notifications will be sent to all nominees by mid-September 2024 about their application status.