

Guidelines for Applicants to the Mentor International Prevention Awards 2008

a. The Mentor Foundation:

The Mentor Foundation is an international, independent, non-government organization concerned with the prevention of drug misuse among young people. Registered under the laws of Switzerland with the seat at: Propriété la Pastorale, 106 route de Ferney, CH-1202 Geneva. Charity Number CH 660-0616994-6.

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b. The Mentor Foundation's mission is to prevent drug abuse and promote the health and well-being of children and young people.

c. The focus of Mentor is to achieve global impact for effective and efficient drug misuse prevention by:

- Identifying and disseminating promising and best practice
- Providing leadership and management in undertaking and evaluating practical prevention projects
- Informing and supporting development of public policy

d. The Mentor International Prevention Awards:

The Mentor International Prevention Awards were established by the Trustees of the Mentor Foundation to recognize and promote the establishment of best practices in the often challenging field of drug prevention. These awards are given in recognition of excellence and to provide funding that will be used to further the established goals of the successful organizations or projects

The Award categories are as follows:

- The **Achievement Award** (€20,000): recognises a drug prevention project that has been operating for at least 3 years, is based on sound principles of prevention, and has demonstrated success through evaluation.
- The **Innovation Award** (€20,000): recognises a project that integrates innovative approaches based on sound principles of prevention that shows promise for achieving successful prevention outcomes.
- The **"Big Idea" Youth Initiative Award**: for submissions from a youth or a group of young people that proposes a new innovative prevention initiative that could be undertaken and evaluated. (winners will receive €10,000 towards implementing the initiative.)

e. Definitions:

In the context of the Mentor Awards "prevention" refers to an action or contribution that has the *possibility to* or *shown to* make drug misuse less likely and/or to delay onset of drug use by young people.

"Drugs" include alcohol, tobacco, and other psychoactive substances including prescription and over the counter drugs.

"Young People" for the purpose of this award refers to individuals under the age of 25.

f. Eligibility Conditions and Selection process:

- Applications are invited from any organization or group other than those solely funded by governments.
- Applicants must support the UN Charter on Human Rights and the UN Declaration of Children's Rights.
- Applications must be received at the Administrative Offices of Mentor International by March 31, 2008.
- An organisation can only submit one project in each of the Award categories. Where several applications for one project are submitted by different applicants, only the original implementer will be considered.
- Applications must be completed in English, French Spanish or Portuguese and submitted on-line via the Mentor Award website or by fax or mail.
- Mentor will review the written applications between April 1, 2008 and May 21st 2008. A Mentor team of comprising staff members and its international network of prevention experts will short list applicants. Applicants should make themselves available in the event of questions.
- The short listed applicants will be informed by May 21st, 2008. Applicants who do not receive notice by June 20, 2008 may assume that they have not been selected.
- A Jury, chaired by Mentors President H.M. the Queen of Sweden will make the final decision of the award winners which will be announced at the International Award Ceremony to be held at the St Tropez Polo Club, June 28, 2008.
- Where several organizations are possible recipients of the funds for a given project, the funds are awarded to the organization having the closest involvement in, impact on and responsibility over the project, notwithstanding a legally binding written agreement among the parties.
- All applicants will be informed of the outcome of the Award summary feedback will also be given to each applicant on their respective submissions.
- The funds provided to the winners will be used by the successful organisation to develop work related to the successful project.
- Project winners will develop their collaboration with Mentor in the use of their prize money and in pursuit of their prevention work with respect to the successful project.
- Applicants must consent that all information provided through project applications can be used by the Mentor Foundation in oral, written or electronic format to inform others about programmes and other information related to best and promising practice in prevention.
- All decisions are under the jurisdiction of The Mentor Foundation and are final.

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Prevention of drug misuse and the harm that drugs can cause

Opportunity to be involved in healthy alternatives

Protection by providing protective factors and tackling risk factors that help to make drug misuse and other risk behaviours less likely

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