Elevate & Impact Awards

Boettcher Scholars continue to do amazing things after graduation, and the Foundation seeks to celebrate Alums who embody the "Spirit of Boettcher." The **Elevate & Impact Awards** are meant to recognize these Alums and give them the opportunity to expand their impact. These awards aren't simply about recognizing those with important leadership titles or those with impressive accolades. We want to honor inspiring Alums who have had an impact on their communities and in the lives of others.

The Foundation will offer two awards:
- The **Elevate Award** will be given to a Boettcher Alum who received their undergraduate degree within the past 10 years (2015 or later).
- The **Impact Award** will be given to a Boettcher Alum who received their undergraduate degree more than 10 years ago (before 2015).

Winners of each award will receive the following:
- Free registration for our 2025 Ripple Effect summit, as well as covered travel expenses if the winner is traveling from out-of-state.
- Public recognition at our 2025 Ripple Effect summit.
- Profile for our LEAD newsletter and on our website.
- Name permanently listed on Boettcher's website.

*Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged!

In addition, the Foundation wants to give our award winners the opportunity to elevate themselves and/or their local communities. **Therefore, winners of each honor will receive an award up to $4,000 to either (1) donate to a Colorado nonprofit of their choice, or (2) partially cover the cost of tuition for any of the following leadership programs:**

• Programs offered by the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation such as Impact Denver and Leadership Denver
• The CiviCO Governor's Fellowship
• The Roaring Fork Leadership Academy
• Any Executive Education Certificate under the Nonprofit Leadership or Public Leadership categories at the Harvard Kennedy School
• Any KLC Path program at the Kansas Leadership Center
• Any of the Center for Creative Leadership's programs.
• Any other leadership program approved by the Boettcher Foundation

*Winning either award does not guarantee admission into these leadership programs.

Nominate yourself or a Boettcher Alum you are proud of here. The deadline to nominate is **October 11, 2024.**

THE CRITERIA

Award recipients are selected based on two criteria:

Leadership

At Boettcher we believe that leadership is an activity, not a position or title. We are looking for Alums who have demonstrated leadership through their specific involvements. It doesn't matter if they earned a seat at traditional leadership tables - nominees have made a tangible impact regardless.

Service Ethic

Whether it be through community service, philanthropy, serving on boards, or getting involved in local government, we want to see Alums who have a heart for service and dedicate themselves to bettering their communities (whether this is inside or outside of Colorado).

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THE PROCESS

1. Alums will nominate their fellow Alums for either of the two awards. Once nominations close, the Alumni Board Talent Committee and Boettcher Foundation Staff will select 2-3 finalists for each award.
2. Finalists will answer an additional set of questions and provide optional supplemental information.
3. A committee of Boettcher Staff, Alums, and Scholars will select the winners of each award.
4. Winners will be announced in February and publicly recognized at our 2025 Ripple Effect summit.

THE TIMELINE

1. August 1 - Nominations open.
2. October 11 – Deadline to nominate an Alum.
3. November 1 – Finalists selected and notified.
4. December 16 – Deadline for finalists to submit answers and additional information.
5. January – Committee meets to select winners.
6. February – Winners announced.
7. March 1, 2025 – Winners recognized at Ripple Effect.

Please reach out to Floyd Pierce at floyd@boettcherfoundation.org with any questions.