



The Love Thy 'Nati Awards Competition recognizes efforts by Tri-State communities, businesses, volunteers, and organizations to make our neighborhoods clean and safe. Cincinnati is beautiful. With your help, we're keeping it that way!

AWARD ELIGIBILITY

The Love Thy 'Nati Awards recognize those who have demonstrated environmental stewardship in our community through litter reduction, recycling and beautification efforts, or addressing quality of life and sustainability issues related to overall community improvement (see examples below). **Let's rally around the bright spots of our community, and put the spotlight on those who don't normally share their accomplishments with the world.** For the 2021 Love Thy 'Nati Awards, we'd like to encourage you to nominate an individual or community group who brightened your day during 2020.

Judges will select the top three projects, and those winners will receive a **\$500 cash prize***. In order to win, nominees *must* be affiliated with a community organization or non-profit. If affiliation is unknown, please contact us. You are welcome to nominate yourself or your own group. For different projects please submit separate entries. All projects and events must have occurred (at least in part) between January 2020-February 2021.

Deadline to apply is February 15th, 2021.

*All cash prizes must be invested back into the community.

Examples:

- Projects initiated/led by Youth.
 - A "pandemic pod" of students decided to Adopt-A-Spot and committed to keep their public playground area clean during daily recess.
- Great American Cleanup projects addressing the issue of environmental sustainability.
 - Two neighbors sparked a socially-distanced monthly litter pickup club.
 - One nonprofit organization pulled hundreds of tires out of our city's waterways this year alone.
- Projects that address blight and quality of life issues in targeted areas.
 - A community council, with the help of one artist, distributed sustainable, eco-art installations for every resident's home to uplift the community.
 - One community council sub-committee formed out of a group of concerned neighbors to combat illegal dumping in their area.

AWARD NOTIFICATION & PRESENTATIONS

While we cannot celebrate in person this year due to the ongoing pandemic, we look forward to gathering again in the future. We will be collecting footage or remarks from each winner and celebrating them virtually. **Winners will be notified by March 8, 2021.**

Any questions regarding eligibility and criteria should be directed to:

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