



David Gotaas Alumni Award 2016 Application

Overview

David Gotaas was a champion of the Kosovo American Education Fund (KAEF). His support included serving on the KAEF Committee since 2005, attending Fellow graduation ceremonies, traveling throughout Kosovo and making financial contributions. David celebrated and supported individual Fellows. He also believed in the program and its potential to make a difference for Kosovo's future.

David passed away in May 2015 at the age of 64. In his honor, American Councils for International Education named two KAEF awards, one to recognize KAEF alumni and one for a community supporter of KAEF. Together, these awards honor David's commitment to individual students and the program overall.

Award recipient will be recognized at a prestigious event in Pristina in May, and will receive a certificate of recognition and cash award of US\$250.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the David Gotaas Alumni Award, individuals must be alumni of the KAEF program (graduating in or before 2015), and currently living and working in Kosovo. Applicants must indicate that they met all necessary requirements of their fellowship.

Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated commitment to values of David Gotaas (volunteer service; global citizen; unbounded interest in people, history, culture, and geography; tireless advocate for Kosovo and its people)
- Demonstrated use of skills and knowledge obtained through KAEF to improve the economic, political or civic environment in Kosovo
- Tangible contribution to improving the economic, political or civic environment in Kosovo
- Quality plans to continue or expand applicant's leadership efforts in the coming year
- Strength of recommendation

Selection Process & Timeline

- Applications must be submitted in English online (insert link) by **midnight EST on Friday, March 25, 2016**
- Review process by an awards committee of American Councils leadership, two KAEF Committee members, representative from David Gotaas' family
- Award recipient announced April 30
- Award presented in May in Pristina

Recipient Obligations

Award recipient must agree to have his/her name, photo and story used in KAEF publicity and outreach. Recipients must participate in up to three events/outreach opportunities on behalf of KAEF in the coming year. Such events/outreach opportunities could include fundraising events, media interviews, meetings with Fellows, etc.

Application Link

To submit an application, please complete the online form via this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SYNQSTB>.

Please note that to complete your application, you must ask a reference to submit a letter of recommendation via a separate online link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SGYR3C7>. The selected reference should be a former professor, current supervisor or other person who can provide additional insight on your contribution to the economic, political or civic environment in Kosovo and/or how you live the values of David Gotaas.