

COMPETITION FOR AWARDING THE "MIROSLAV MICHAEL DJORDJEVIĆ" PHILANTHROPY PRIZE

The Studenica Foundation is announcing a competition to award the second "Miroslav Michael Djordjevic" philanthropy prize.

This honor will be bestowed upon distinguished individuals from Serbia or of Serbian descent worldwide, recognizing their exceptional philanthropic endeavors and contributions. Named after Miroslav Michael Djordjevic (1936-2023), the visionary founder of the Studenica Foundation, this award commemorates his legacy as a renowned businessman, diaspora leader, and generous Serbian benefactor who immigrated to America in 1956. Through unwavering dedication, he tirelessly supported the Serbian people, his homeland, and its societal and economic advancement, while fostering connections with the diaspora. His exemplary actions have inspired domestic and international business leaders, bringing universal values to Serbia. Through the Studenica Foundation, he sponsored over 2,000 Serbian students and talented youths in Serbia, the region, and esteemed American universities, firmly believing in education as the cornerstone of national progress.

The award aims to honor Miroslav Michael Djordjevic's enduring legacy, encouraging others to emulate his commitment to building stronger, more cohesive communities. Furthermore, it seeks to revitalize and reinforce the tradition of philanthropy and endowment that has significantly shaped the development of Serbian society and nation.

WHO QUALIFIES AS A CANDIDATE

The award welcomes nominations for individuals of exceptional merit, recognized for their outstanding philanthropic contributions to Serbia and the Serbian people, whether within Serbia itself or among the global Serbian diaspora.

WHO CAN NOMINATE A CANDIDATE

Nominations for the award can be submitted by various organizations, companies, and individuals familiar with the work and contributions of potential candidates. These may include nonprofit organizations, media outlets, marketing agencies, businesses and corporations themselves, as well as any interested individuals.

THE AWARD

The recipient of the award will be presented with a sculpture, a unique creation by the alumni artist of the Studenica Foundation, symbolizing benevolence and philanthropy. This prestigious artwork is crafted by the talented young artist Bogdan Djukanovic (bogdandjukanovic.com). Additionally, the award winner will receive media promotion from the Studenica Foundation and its partners.

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING THE PRIZE

Criteria:

1. The broad positive impact the nominee has had on the community;
2. The values they represent, business ethics, and their standing within the community;
3. The extent and continuity of their investment in philanthropic projects, i.e., their philanthropic track record.

THE PANEL

Following a thorough review of all submissions and adhering to the competition's criteria, the five-member panel will deliberate and select the recipient of the " Miroslav Michael Djordjevic" prize.

THE ORGANIZERS

The competition for awarding the prize and the ceremonial presentation are organized by the Studenica Foundation with the support of numerous partners. Many other associations, institutions, and media outlets have also lent their support to this event, recognizing its significance and importance.

DURATION OF THE COMPETITION

The deadline for submissions is September 24th 2025, and the award will be presented at a special ceremony following the Jury's decision.

APPLICATION FORM

Please submit your application electronically via email to:
nagrada.fondacijastudenica@gmail.com, within the specified deadline.

For additional information about the competition, please visit: www.studenica.org