

NOMINATIONS REQUESTED FOR FOOD SOVEREIGNTY PRIZE

Description of Prize

The Food Sovereignty Prize, sponsored by the Community Food Security Coalition and other organizations, will be awarded at the CFSC Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, to an individual or organization that has significantly promoted food sovereignty by raising public awareness, working in communities, developing programs or implementing policies. We understand food sovereignty to go well beyond ensuring that all people have sufficient food at all times to meet their physical needs. The concept was put forward first by La Via Campesina at the 1996 World Food Summit. Communities achieve food sovereignty when they democratically control what they eat, how it is raised and by whom, and how profits in the food system are distributed. Food sovereignty encompasses the rights to food, adequate nutrition and resources necessary for each person to be able to feed him or herself with dignity and in culturally appropriate ways. Fulfilling these rights requires community action to overcome barriers imposed on some people because of gender, income, race, religion and class. Under conditions of food sovereignty, food is produced using sustainable practices and never used as a weapon or denied because of social conflict.

The Food Sovereignty Prize recipient will be invited to attend the CFSC conference in October and give a keynote address. In addition, the individual or representative of the organization being recognized may participate in one or more workshops during the conference. The award itself will consist of a plate and a modest honorarium. CFSC will cover travel expenses and waive the conference registration fee.

Criteria for Prize Recipient

- has performed significant work to promote food sovereignty by raising public awareness, on-the-ground action, or developing and implementing programs and policies
- can be either an individual or organization, but must recognize the importance of collective action in bringing about social change
- can be based either domestically or internationally, but must recognize global linkages in food sovereignty work
- demonstrates clear recognition of the importance of women in agriculture and food issues

Current CFSC Board and staff and members of the Food Sovereignty Prize Task Force (or their organizations) are not eligible.

The Food Sovereignty Prize Task Force is seeking nominations until July 1. If you would like to nominate a person or organization for this prize, please send the following to molly@foodsystems-integrity.com, with "Food Sovereignty Prize Nomination" in the subject line:

- 1) The name, affiliation and contact information of the person or organization you wish to nominate.
- 2) A 350-word (maximum) description of why that nominee is the best choice for this prize
- 3) Any supplementary information (e-mail attachments are preferred) that will help us make the decision and understand your nominee's contributions. Supplementary information might consist of articles, press releases or similar pieces.

CFSC will announce the prize recipient in the final call for registrations for the conference.