



Society for International Development United States

Application Instructions

2022 Andrew E. Rice Award for Leadership and Innovation by a Young Professional in International Development

Application Deadline: September 23, 2022

About the Rice Award

The Andrew E. Rice Award for Leadership and Innovation by a Young Professional recognizes the achievements of an exceptional young professional committed to advancing the field of international development. Established in 2003 by Andrew E. Rice and Robert Berg, the Rice Award (formerly named the Truman Award) recognizes the achievements of an exceptional young professional committed to advancing the field of international development.

The recipient of this award will demonstrate strong leadership, innovation, and commitment to sustainable, people-centered development.

While there will be only one winner, other notable candidates may be mentioned at the award presentation ceremony.

Applicants come from every continent around the world and their work focuses on a wide range of sectors. To see a graphic depicting the variety of applications we have received, please [click here](#).

To see the full list of past Rice Award recipients, please [click here](#).

The 2022 Rice Award will be presented at the SID-US Annual Dinner on November 17 in Washington, DC.

Award

The award consists of:

- an inscribed plaque recognizing the awardee,
- a prize in the amount of \$1,000,
- a one-year honorary individual membership to SID-United States,
- and the opportunity to present your work at a SID-United States event.

Application Timeline

- **Applications and all materials due:** Friday, September 23, 2022
- **Winner notified:** Mid-October, 2022
- **2022 Annual Dinner:** Thursday, November 17, 2022

Application Criteria

To apply for the Rice Award, you must meet the following criteria:

1. Age from 22 to 32 years old
2. Availability to either accept the Rice Award in-person or remotely at the SID-US 2022 Annual Dinner on November 17, 2022, in Washington, DC
3. At least two years of experience as a volunteer or paid young professional in international development, including demonstrating exceptional commitment to improving the lives of people in developing countries
4. Application and all supporting materials must be received by September 23, 2022

There is no fee to apply.

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If you meet the criteria above, please submit the following materials **by September 23, 2022**.

Required with your application:

- **Application form**
 - Click [here](#) to apply and submit application materials. Email riceaward@sid-us.org to request an alternate application format.
- **A two-page maximum (11 pt. font), single-sided personal statement** responding to the following:
 - a. How have you demonstrated creativity and innovation by developing new ideas and/or adapting successful solutions to problems and challenges, or optimizing unique opportunities, in advancing international development?
 - b. Describe your vision and experience leading people and change.
 - c. What are some qualitative and/or quantitative measures of the impact of your work in international development?
 - d. Demonstrate your commitment to upholding the ideals of sustainable, inclusive, just, equitable, and participatory development.
 - e. How have you committed to advancing the profession of international development? (e.g., through knowledge advancement, participation in relevant professional organizations, institutional development, etc.)
- **A three-page maximum, single-sided resume or CV**

Optional materials:

In addition to your personal statement and resume or CV, you may submit the following:

- **Up to two one-page letters of recommendation describing:**
 - The association and length of time known with the candidate.
 - The qualities and experiences that make the candidate distinct in the criteria areas.
 - Why the candidate should be selected for the Andrew E. Rice Award.

Letters of recommendation may be submitted with your application or via email to riceaward@sid-us.org. Please include the applicant's full name when submitting via email.

- **A short, 1-minute maximum video** explaining how your experience using innovation and creativity can lead to more sustainable international development.
 - Video submissions must not exceed 1 minute. Submissions longer than 1 minute will not be considered.
 - If you are selected as the winner, your video will be shared publicly by SID-United States for promotional purposes.

Any additional information provided beyond the aforementioned materials will not be reviewed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

All materials must be submitted by **September 23, 2022**.

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Accessibility

To request an alternate application format, please email riceaward@sid-us.org.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns, please email riceaward@sid-us.org or call 202-331-1317.

For more information, visit SID-US.org/RiceAward

About Andrew E. Rice

Andrew E. Rice helped create the field of international development. In the decades following World War II, decolonization and the Cold War necessitated a new relationship between the Western and developing worlds. That's when Andy began thinking and writing about the nature of this new relationship and organizing others to do the same.

Andy was introduced to internationalism early on, spending part of his childhood in Geneva, where his father was the U.S. representative to an agency of the League of Nations. After serving in intelligence during the War and obtaining his undergraduate and master's degrees from Harvard, he moved to Washington to begin a 60-year career crafting public policy.

He began by joining or helping to form a series of advocacy organizations dedicated to an internationalist foreign policy incorporating aid for the underdeveloped world. These included Americans for Democratic Action, the American Veterans Committee and the Point Four Committee (this last named for foreign aid's position in President Truman's list of diplomatic priorities in his 1949 inaugural address).

He also began publishing a newsletter, "Doorway to the 20th Century," to report on this brand-new discipline. His longtime friend and colleague Bob Berg recently recalled, "In the pre-Internet age it was THE place to find the news--crisply written...with never a hint of bias."

After stints as a staffer on both sides of Capitol Hill and obtaining his PhD from Syracuse University, Andy served on the academic committee that gave birth to the Peace Corps. He then joined the Kennedy Administration as an aide to Chester Bowles, a prominent diplomat to the developing world and early UN official.

Andy was a founder of the Society for International Development (SID) in 1957 and in 1962 became executive director, a position he held for 15 years. Bob Berg has described the scene from that era: "SID's office was filled with young people beaver away. Andy, always cool, friendly, professional and kind, kept it going in highly productive and effective ways."

Andy's career both reflected and shaped changes in the idea of international development. As the need for environmental sustainability grew clearer, he became board chair of the environmentally-focused Worldwatch Institute. Seeing the need to better educate the public on the importance of internationalism, he became an active member of the United Nations Association, serving as chair of the national capital chapter.

Alina Zyszkowski, one of countless young professionals Andy mentored over his career, said of him: "Andy Rice was a true visionary and a real friend to so many of us... Today we hear a lot about knowledge sharing and networking. Andy was making that happen through SID over 50 years ago."

Andy once summed up his approach to international development: "I believe that the right path to a better world is expanding individual freedom combined with cooperative endeavor." Through his ideas, hard work and, to quote a colleague, "friendly, humble and generous" personality, he moved us all down that path.