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**UTAH ETHICAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2017 NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

The fourth annual [**Utah Ethical Leadership Awards**](http://www.utahcf.org/community-impact/utah-ethical-leadership-award) program is now underway to recognize and support the ethical leadership of organizations in the state of Utah. Applications are now open for these awards. All businesses, government entities, and nonprofit organizations with ethical standards are encouraged to apply.  Applications close on July 21, 2017. The application is available online by clicking the following link:[**Utah Ethical Leadership Award Application**](https://thecommunityfoundationofutah.formstack.com/forms/daniels_fund_ethics_award)

Finalists will be announced after a thorough evaluation process and will be notified the beginning of August.  All finalists will then be invited to an awards breakfast on September 8, 2017, where the winners will be announced. One award will be given to the winner of each of the business, government, and nonprofit categories. Finalists and awardees will receive extensive press coverage in Utah Business Magazine and other media outlets.

Governor Gary Herbert says: *“The Utah Ethical Leadership Awards recognize Utah businesses, nonprofit organizations, and government entities that embody best practices in ethical behaviors. The finalists and awardees are a great representation of Utah’s principle-based ethical leadership.”*

The awards are designed to recognize organizations that embody the spirit of ethical leadership exhibited by Bill Daniels, a founder of the modern cable industry and former owner of the Utah Stars. Bill Daniels believed deeply in ethics and integrity, and in the importance of absolute ethical principles, which earned him great respect throughout the business world. The awards program is sponsored by the **Daniels Fund**, the **Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative at the David Eccles School of Business**, the **Community Foundation of Utah**, **Utah Business Magazine**, and the **Center for Public Policy and Administration at the University of Utah**.

Dr. Taylor Randall, Dean of the University of Utah’s Eccles school of Business, said: *“The David Eccles School of Business is dedicated to making sure our students not only get an elite business education, but also learn how to better themselves, their workplaces and the world around them through leading an ethical professional life. The Utah Ethical Leadership Awards are an outstanding forum to showcase for students and Utahans in general, the local businesses that make ethical standards a priority. The awards will serve as inspiration for years to come for the future business leaders coming out of the David Eccles School of Business.”*

Alex Eaton, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Utah says:  *“We look forward to receiving applications for the Utah Ethical Leadership Awards. This is such a great opportunity to recognize and celebrate leadership in Utah businesses, nonprofit organizations and government entities that embody best practices in ethical behaviors.”*

**Last Year’s Winners:**

Business – Mark Miller Subaru

Nonprofit – National Ability Center

State/Government - Utah Developmental Disability Council