

## **Terms and Conditions**

## **AFI Global Financial Inclusion Awards 2024**

By submitting a nomination for the AFI Global Financial Inclusion Awards, you ("entrant) are agreeing to the following terms and conditions. Entry of your organization's submission implies acceptance of these terms and conditions.

- 1. By submitting a nomination for the Alliance for Financial Inclusion (AFI) Global Financial Inclusion Awards 2024 ("the Awards"), the entrant warrants that its entry does not violate any third party or applicable laws.
- 2. Submission of an entry does not guarantee selection for the Award. All Awards are given at the sole discretion of AFI Management Unit (MU).
- 3. AFI reserves the right to extend the entry deadline of submission of entries as it deems necessary.
- 4. Submissions must be made in English.
- 5. By submitting a nomination form, the entrant agrees that AFI may share the nomination form and any associated information submitted by the applicant with the Awards Committee and Awards Jury. Composition of the Awards Committee and Awards Jury will be determined by AFI MU and will comprise staff of AFI and any external experts invited by AFI MU specifically for this purpose.
- 6. The decisions of the Awards Committee and Awards Jury are final. The entrant agrees that, regardless of the outcome, the entrant or his/her organization will not challenge the results or file any claims or suits against AFI, their affiliates, directors, officers, or employees, arising from the conduct of the Awards.
- 7. AFI may conclude that a nomination belongs in a different category from the one it was entered in. In this case, the submitter will be contacted of a change in category assignment. The submitter retains the right to withdraw the entry.
- 8. AFI accepts no responsibility for protection of the entrants' copyright, trade secrets and other intellectual property.
- 9. The entrant agrees that AFI need not return to him/her any information submitted and that AFI may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Awards without any liability to the entrant. If AFI terminates the Awards before their completion, AFI agrees that it will not use any information provided by the entrant for any purpose.
- 10. AFI will not be liable for any loss, cost or expense sustained during the course of the Awards.
- 11. By entering this Awards, the entrant agrees that AFI may verify the information submitted. The entrant also agrees to AFI's right to request additional information and

- data related to the submission in order to verify, clarify and elaborate the submitted nomination form.
- 12. By submitting a nomination for the Awards, each entrant agrees, if selected as one of the finalists, to provide a minimum of one representative per category in which you are a finalist, to participate in the Awards Ceremony to be held at the GPF 2024 in September in El Salvador. High-Level representation (Governor or Deputy Governor) would be required for finalists of the Nestor Espenilla Jr. Financial Inclusion Innovation Award and the Global Youth Financial Inclusion Award.
- 13. In the event that a finalist is not able to participate in the Final, AFI reserves the right to select an alternative finalist in its place.
- 14. By submitting a nomination for the Awards, each entrant agrees, if selected as one of the finalists, to deliver a speech or presentation on your organization/policies if needed at the GPF 2024.
- 15. By submitting a nomination for the Awards, each entrant agrees, if selected as one of the finalists, to participate in communications and outreach activities organized by AFI related to the Awards. This could include providing quotes for a press release, appearing in a video about the Awards or presenting at an AFI event.
- 16. Each entrant grants the organizers permission, without compensation or prior approval, to use its name, detailed description, website and photograph/likeness in promoting this or similar awards programs in the future.
- 17. By participating in the Awards, each finalist agrees that:
  - any content produced on site (e.g. photos, video material, quotes) may be used by AFI for promotional purposes related to the Awards; and
  - the name and details of each finalist may be published by AFI on its website and in materials produced in relation to the Awards.
- 18. To apply for the Nestor Espenilla Jr. Financial Inclusion Innovation Award, the entrant must be a current paid member of AFI having paid the membership fee for the year 2023.
- 19. If after announcing the winners, AFI determines that a winner has misrepresented, misstated, or mischaracterized the submission in any way, or is not the rightful owner of the submission, the submission may be disqualified from the Awards, and any privileges received by the entrant as a result of being a winning candidate may be rescinded. Any determinations made by AFI in withdrawing and disqualifying any submission will be final.
- 20. Travel and participation in the Global Policy Forum (GPF) 2024 in El Salvador is subject to travel conditions.
- 21. In the spirit of equity and AFI values that underpin these Awards, no member institution would only be awarded an institutional-level award in more than one category or subcategory. In case a member is rated as the highest scorer in two or more categories, the Awards Jury shall have the right to review the results and select the runner-up in the relevant categories to receive the Award. All reviews and scores are confidential and would not be shared by AFI Management Unit or Jury Members with any third party.