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2026 Awards Nomination Guidelines

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) California Capital Chapter proudly celebrates the individuals and organizations whose generosity and leadership strengthen our community through the **National Philanthropy Day Awards**. These awards recognize the people and partnerships that inspire giving, service, and collaboration across the California Capital Region, and whose commitment to philanthropy helps create lasting positive change.

Honorees will be recognized during the Philanthropy Summit hosted by the Sacramento Region Community Foundation.

Who Can Submit Nominations?

- Any individual or organization may submit a nomination - AFP membership is not required
- Multiple nominations may be submitted, including nominations in more than one category
- Nominations will be reviewed in the year submitted

Nomination Deadline

All nominations must be submitted by **Friday, May 15, 2026 at 11:59 PM PDT**

Eligibility

The following individuals are **ineligible** to receive an award:

- The current AFPCCC President, Immediate Past President, and National Philanthropy Day Committee Chair (excluding other committee members).
- Previous honorees within the past seven years. See the full list of 2025 honorees at www.afpccc.org.

What Will Be Included with the Nomination?

The nomination form asks for a brief overview of the nominee and their philanthropic impact in our community.

Nominators will be asked to provide:

- Nominee information
- A short biography
- A description of the nominee's philanthropic impact
- A description of the nominee's community involvement
- A brief statement explaining why the nominee should be recognized

Optional supporting materials, such as letters of support or articles, may be uploaded at the end of the form. Only completed nominations submitted by the deadline will be considered.



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Selection Process

The National Philanthropy Day Awards Selection Committee will review and score all nominations based on category criteria. The committee may include community leaders, past honorees, former Philanthropy Day leadership, and regional AFP representatives. Awards will only be presented if nominees meet the selection criteria. All decisions of the Selection Committee are final.

Each honoree will be notified by July 1, 2026 and will receive 2 complimentary tickets to the in-person awards celebration later in the year (event details to follow).

Questions? Contact us at afpccc.info@gmail.com

2026 Award Categories & Criteria

Outstanding Organization Award

This award honors a *nonprofit organization, foundation, civic, or professional association* that demonstrates an exceptional commitment to philanthropy and community impact. Nominees show leadership through collaboration, innovative problem-solving, and meaningful engagement that strengthens the community and encourages others to participate in charitable efforts.

Outstanding Changemaker Award

This award honors an *individual, couple, or family* whose generosity, leadership, and commitment to philanthropy have made a meaningful impact in our community. The recipient may have made significant financial contributions, championed fundraising efforts, or inspired others to give their time, talent, or resources. Through their actions and leadership, they have helped create positive change and encouraged others to engage in philanthropy.

Outstanding Corporation Award

This award recognizes a *for-profit corporation or corporate foundation* that demonstrates a strong commitment to philanthropy through financial support, community partnerships, employee engagement, and volunteerism. The recipient shows leadership by investing in the well-being of the community and encouraging others to participate in philanthropic efforts.

Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award

This award honors a *young person (age 21 or under)* who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the community through volunteerism, leadership, or the development of charitable initiatives. The recipient shows initiative, compassion, and a dedication to making a positive difference.

Outstanding Fundraising Professional Award

This award recognizes a *fundraising professional* who practices their profession with excellence, integrity, and leadership. Nominees must have at least five years of experience in fundraising and be a current member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. The recipient demonstrates outstanding skill in building relationships, inspiring philanthropy, and advancing the mission of the organizations they serve.