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**National
Philanthropy Day®**

2026 NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY NOMINATION FORM

Deadline: August 26, 2026

National Philanthropy Day® is a celebration of Central Virginia's philanthropic spirit. These awards recognize the leaders in the community who make a true impact on the quality of life, cultural vibrancy, and fabric of the region. The celebration will be held on **Thursday, November 5, 2026**. The AFP Central Virginia Chapter invites all interested parties to submit a nomination to honor individuals and collective entities who personify the philanthropic culture of the community.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name _____

Group/Org. _____

Contact _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominated By _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

If your nominee is chosen, your organization agrees to:

- Contact the honoree to confirm he/she/they are willing to accept the award.
- Be the central point of communications for the honoree with AFP and the National Philanthropy Day (NPD) committee.
- Participate in the event on Thursday, November 5. This year's event will have a reception format (not a seated luncheon). Four tickets will be provided to the organization to attend—two for organization representatives and two for the honoree.
- Promote NPD and the selection of the honoree in your newsletter and other materials.
- Provide 5 digital, high resolution photos of the organization and the honoree (preferably at your organization).



I nominate _____

in the following category (check ONE):

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| ☐ Emerging Philanthropic Leader Award | ☐ Outstanding Organizational Partner Award |
| ☐ Enduring Spirit of Philanthropy Award | ☐ Volunteer Impact Award |

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

All required answers should be submitted on ONE PAGE of regular letter (8.5x11in.) paper with one-inch margins and 12 pt. font.

Please provide answers to the following prompts (ONE PAGE ONLY):

- 1. Specific and direct contribution and support to the nominator's organization**
- 2. Breadth and/or depth of support to other organizations in the community**
- 3. Encouragement and motivation given to others to take leadership roles in philanthropy, community involvement, or participation in programs or publications**

Please also include one (1) external letter of support (no more than one page) as part of the nomination submission. Tapes, DVDs, CDs, and other visual materials may not be submitted and will not be considered.

The total submission (including this 2-page application) should NOT exceed four (4) pages.

The answers will be used to select the honorees and to develop the profile in print materials on the honorees. Please confirm the biographical information with the nominee before completing and sending this packet. Honorees will also be interviewed and other information will be gathered for the National Philanthropy Day Program.

The nominator must sign below, signifying agreement with the expectations of nomination and accuracy of information provided in this application.

Signature

Date

Title

Organization

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Nominations must be submitted by 5pm on August 26, 2026.

WHERE TO SUBMIT: Please send PDF of the completed form and all accompanying information into ONE document and email to:

National Philanthropy Day Awards Committee
admin@afpcentralva.org



GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS FOR AFP's National Philanthropy Day 2026

(Please do not include this page in the submitted application.)

The National Philanthropy Day Awards Committee consists of one Past President of the AFP Central Virginia Chapter, two or more non-AFP community members, and (when possible) a past honoree. Nominations are compiled in their entirety and distributed to the committee members for their consideration. The Awards Committee's recommendations are presented to the Board of Directors of the Chapter and, upon their approval, are final and not subject to change unless an honoree declines to be recognized. In that case, the Awards Committee will recommend another honoree for the Board's approval. While a nominee may be submitted for only one category, the Board may determine that the nominee can be considered in other categories and retains the right to do so. The number of final honorees presented at the event is dependent on the pool of nominations and the Board may determine that an honoree from any one of the categories may not be named in a given year.

Additional consideration:

- Posthumous nominations are not allowed and will be returned to the nominator.
- Organizations may submit more than one nomination.
- If your organization submitted an application last year and would like for it to be reconsidered by the Committee, please email us to let us know.
- Past winners may be nominated again after 5 years. A full listing of past awardees is on the AFP Central Virginia website at community.afpnet.org/afpcentralvachapter.

Category Criteria:

For all award categories, contributions of financial support, board service, pro bono, and other volunteer support may be submitted if applicable, as well as in-kind contributions of goods and services. Additional criteria for specific categories are listed below.

1. Emerging Philanthropic Leader Award

- An individual under 40 years of age, who demonstrates exemplary leadership in advancing philanthropy
- Engagement beyond a single organization
- Creativity in a philanthropic endeavor/project
- Significant philanthropic accomplishments in a short period of time
- Drives measurable results around a local cause to broadly improve the lives of Richmonders and encourage others to give
- Offers a unique method of bringing the community's needs to the public
- Partners with an organization to help create, scale, and sustain meaningful, missional work

2. Outstanding Organizational Partner Award

- A corporation, small business, foundation, giving circle, or association that demonstrates commitment through financial and volunteer investment
- Willingness to listen and respond to the needs of the nonprofit community
- Provides meaningful impact
- Depth of support in specific causes
- Breadth of agencies supported

3. Enduring Spirit of Philanthropy Award

- An individual, family, corporation, small business, or foundation whose long-term philanthropic partnership and investment has made a demonstrable impact on an organization or cause and provides services to nonprofit organizations in a unique way that help builds the community's capacity to serve
- Provides faithful multi-year or multi-generational support to move the needle for an organization, community, or cause
- Offers a unique method of bringing the community's needs to the public
- Introduces an idea, program, or partnership that benefits more than one organization
- Gift is so genuine that it inspires others

4. Volunteer Impact Award

- Total hours contributed to our community
- Breadth of organizations supported with time
- Depth of time commitment to specific cause
- Leadership in a specific organization or cause
- Role model for the next generation of volunteers

AFP is committed to the principles of inclusion, diversity, equity, and access (IDEA) in the fundraising profession, the philanthropic sector and throughout all of society. AFP is involved in numerous projects and partnerships related to IDEA. For more information, visit our website at community.afpnet.org/afpcentralvachapter or afpidea.org