



National Philanthropy Day®

Tips for Submitting a Successful Nomination for the AFP Fort Worth Metro Chapter National Philanthropy Day Awards

As fundraising professionals, our work demands well-written proposals and making a compelling case. Nominees for the National Philanthropy Day Awards deserve that same skill and commitment from us. The quality and completeness of a nomination application influences the AFP Awards Selection Committee.

To help make completion of the nomination form as straightforward as possible, the Committee is pleased to provide these tips. The tips do not replace the instructions provided with the application materials.

Send questions about the application or process to afpww@yahoocom.

The application deadline of Tuesday, March 31, 2026 is firm — no exceptions.

1. Give comprehensively summarized answers (some prompts have a minimum requirement of 150-200 words).
2. Use your responses to tell a story, not only to list or record facts. Compelling, well-organized, and well-articulated content is critical for understanding why your nominee should receive the award.
3. Specifically answer the question posed. Responses that do not tie directly to questions will receive low point scores and weaken your nominee's opportunity.
4. Responses that verify your nominee's involvement with multiple organizations are much stronger than those that demonstrate your nominee's involvement with only your organization. Partner with those organizations to complete the nomination and include those organizations as nominators along with your organization.
5. Letters of support that specify a nominee's impact can sometimes tip the balance in a close situation. However, generic, non-specific letters of support will not necessarily benefit your nominee; compelling, well-written, and specific letters will.
6. Have someone you trust proofread the application for content and typos before you submit it. We all know what it is like to read poorly constructed proposals and letters.
7. Make sure your nominee meets the minimum requirements noted on the application form, as well as the NPD Award Criteria on AFP Fort Worth Metro Chapter's website.

Preferences will be given to nominees who have not won in the past. Please check AFP Fort Worth Metro Chapter's website to see a full list of past award winners.

Thank you for the time, thought and energy you are putting into submitting your nominations. We look forward to receiving and reviewing your applications!