

Philanthropist of the Year Award Nomination Guidelines

Award Description: Philanthropist of the Year Award – Presented to an individual or family (family foundations are eligible for this award) with a proven record of exceptional generosity who, through direct financial support, has demonstrated outstanding civic and philanthropic responsibility, exemplary leadership in advancing philanthropy, and whose generosity encourages others to become philanthropic leaders, particularly in Anne Arundel County.

Nomination Process:

- ✦ Individuals may not nominate themselves.
- ✦ Nominees will receive a recognition letter from CFAAC upon receipt of the nomination form. The letter will include information on the nomination and selection process.
- ✦ A selection committee of past recipients, which include philanthropists, volunteers, local nonprofit, business, and community leaders will review all nominations and select the awardee.
- ✦ Following the selection, and prior to the public announcement, nominees will receive a letter notifying them of the results.

Nomination Narrative: Provide a written statement that includes specific information illustrating how the individual or family's achievements have had a positive impact on philanthropy in Anne Arundel County. Include evidence and clear examples of what makes your nominee so exceptional.

Nominations should be limited to 500 words and include no more than three supporting documents.

Start with a clear, direct, and specific statement of why the nominee deserves recognition. Include enough information for the selection committee to become familiar with the nominee's involvement in the community and breadth of impact. Provide specific information regarding one or more contributions including the amount and purpose of the gift, encouragement/motivation of others to become philanthropic leaders, and philanthropic support of innovative problem-solving approaches. List the most important information in the first few sentences and then elaborate, as necessary.

Provide specific examples that address the award description and elaborate on why the nominee's accomplishments are worthy of the award. Examples should include the activities and qualities that make this person outstanding, and that are clearly relevant to the Philanthropist of the Year Award description.

- WHAT organizations does the nominee support?
 - Projects and/or activities
 - Innovative problem-solving approaches
- HOW does the nominee motivate others to become philanthropic leaders?
- WHAT were the results and/or impact of /gift support?
 - What did the nominee's efforts accomplish?
 - Are there specific benefits that have derived from those efforts?

Describe how others regard the nominee. Consider mentioning major awards and/or the nominee's other education, community, etc. efforts.

Be thorough in including all organizations that benefit from the nominee's support. This will enable the selection committee to fully understand the nominee's involvement in the community and breadth of impact. The best way to ensure that you have included everything is by asking your nominee for input!

How to Write a Winning Nomination

- Share the big picture – collaborate with other individuals and organizations to tell your nominee’s story.
- Determine who can write the best letters of support.
- Talk with your nominee, their family, and friends. Collect as much information as possible.

2021 Philanthropist of the Year Award

Nominee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

List of Nonprofits Supported by the Nominee: _____

Nomination Submitted by:

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Nonprofit/Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Deadline for entries is Friday, July 23, 2021.

Assemble your nomination materials, including:

- Nominee’s Contact Information
- Nominator’s Contact Information
- List of Nonprofits Supported by Nominee
- Nomination Narrative – The written statement is limited to 500 words.
- Letter(s) of Support - Up to three letters of support are welcome in addition to the written statement.
- Nomination must be submitted in its entirety by the deadline to be eligible.

Email completed form, written statement, and supporting documents to Amy Francis at amy@cfaac.org.