

Celebration of **PHILANTHROPY**

Nominations Open: May 12 – July 9, 2026

**Awards Luncheon:
Thursday, November 12, 2026
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland®**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All nominees must:

- Be a resident of Anne Arundel County.
- Have a demonstrated track record of charitable giving to one or more nonprofit organization(s) based in and working in Anne Arundel County.
- Have made a positive impact in the lives of county residents through their giving.
- Encourage/motivate others to become philanthropic.
- Self-nominations are **not** permitted.
- Parents are **not** permitted to nominate their child(ren) in any category.
- The committee will only consider charitable work that is beyond the scope of a nominee's professional duties.
- We encourage you to work with your nominee in completing the application.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations must be submitted online. To access the application and submit a nomination, you will need to create a user account [HERE](#). If you have any questions about the nomination process or have any difficulties with submitting your nomination, please contact our Director of Philanthropic Resources, Jennifer Lagrotteria at Jen@cfaac.org.

- Nominees will receive notification from CFAAC upon receipt of the nomination form. The letter will include information on the selection process.
- A selection committee of CFAAC board, staff, and past recipients, which include philanthropists, volunteers, local nonprofit, business, and community leaders will review all nominations and select the awardee.
- All nominators will receive confirmation that the nomination has been submitted within 24 hours of receipt. The Community Foundation will contact the selected awardee(s) and their nominator in late August.

NOMINATION PROCESS, CONTINUED

- Following the selection, and prior to the public announcement, nominees will be contacted to notify them of the results.
- If your nominee is selected, we will request your assistance in obtaining photographs and biographical information for publicity purposes.
- Awardees will receive two complimentary tickets to the October 29th Luncheon.
- **Nominations must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025.**

TIP FOR WRITING A GREAT NOMINATION NARRATIVE:

- Provide specific examples that address the award description and elaborate on why the nominee's accomplishments are worthy of the award. Keep your answer to 500 words (3,500 characters maximum).
- Describe how others regard the nominee. Consider mentioning major awards and/or the nominee's community efforts.
- Include the results and/or impact of the gift/support.
- Be thorough in including all organizations that benefit from the nominee's efforts. This will enable the selection committee to fully understand the nominee's involvement in the community and breadth of impact.
- 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 (ex. Letter from a nonprofit that is served by the nominee).
- Talk with your nominee, their family, and friends. Collect as much information as possible.
- Want to strengthen your application? Reach out to Jennifer Lagrotteria, CFAAC's Director of Philanthropic Resources, for suggestions on strengthening your nomination application at jen@cfaac.org.
- Team up with other organizations to nominate someone and fill out the application—gather letters of support with them to make it stronger.

Questions?

Please contact Jennifer Lagrotteria
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Log-on to submit a nomination here:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfaac>