

# Celebration of PHILANTHROPY

**Nominations Accepted 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 of time, service or financial contributions to one or more nonprofit organization(s) based in and working in Anne Arundel County.
- Encourage/motivate others to become philanthropic.

**Nomination Rules:**

- 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.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

**Nominations must be submitted online between May 12 and July 9, 2026. To access the application and submit a nomination, you will need to create a user account [HERE](#).**

- 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.
- 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.
- Following the selection, and prior to the public announcement, all nominees, nominators and awardees will be contacted to notify them of the results.
- If your nominee is selected for an award, we will request your assistance in obtaining photographs and biographical information for publicity purposes.

## NOMINATION PROCESS, CONTINUED

- Awardees will receive two complimentary tickets to the November 12<sup>th</sup> Awards Luncheon.
- **Nominations must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2026.**

## TIP FOR WRITING A GREAT NOMINATION NARRATIVE:

- Work with your nominee to complete the application.
- 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 or honors 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. Talk with your nominee, their family, and friends. Collect as much information as possible.
- Determine who can write the best letters of support (ex. Letter from a nonprofit that is served by the nominee).
- Consider teaming up with other organizations to nominate someone and fill out the application — gather letters of support with them to make it stronger.
- At least one letter of support is required. You may provide up to three letters of support.

### Learn more

<https://cfaac.org/learn/what-we-do/celebration-of-philanthropy/>

### Log-on to create an account and submit a nomination here:

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

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### Questions

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