



## **Board Member of the Year**

### **General Guidelines**

- The local Crime Stoppers program must be in good standing with Crime Stoppers USA, including being current in payment of dues for calendar year 2025 and 2026.
- Complete one form for each award submission. For example, if you are submitting an award for Board Member of the Year and Coordinator of the Year, a separate nomination form is required for each individual award.
- As a member of Crime Stoppers USA, no fees are required for submission of award nominations, however, entries will not be returned.
- The judging panel reserves the right to place your entry into another appropriate category, if necessary. The awards committee will inform you of any such changes.
- All award nomination submissions must be submitted no later than July 31, 2026.
- Award population categories:
  - There are no population categories for individual awards.

### **Qualification of Award**

- This award is in recognition for selfless devotion, persistent service and significant contributions to a member Crime Stoppers program.
- Submissions are encouraged for civilians who are currently serving on the Board of Directors of a local or state Crime Stoppers program.
- The nominee must have been an active member of the Board of Directors between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025 of a member program being in good standing with Crime Stoppers USA, as identified in the Crime Stoppers USA bylaws.
- No person winning an individual Board Member of the Year award will be considered for another individual award for a period of 5 years.
- **Required submission documents:**
  - A signed electronic nomination submission form.
  - A letter of support from the Chairman/President, Vice Chairman/Vice President if Chairman/President is nominated, citing specific examples supporting the nominee's leadership, organizational skills and abilities, and any other factors relevant to the nomination.
  - A brief biography or resume for the nominee.
  - A photo of the nominee.



### **Award Submission Process**

Due to the large number of applications Crime Stoppers USA receives from its membership in each of the award categories, we find it necessary to utilize an electronic submission process of award nominations. Please follow these steps below for each award nomination a Crime Stoppers program submits to Crime Stoppers USA.

Award nominations will be submitted through Google Forms, similar as in prior years. Follow the process below to complete and submit the award form and required documentation.

1. Save the specific award nomination form from the CSUSA website to your local desktop or tablet, **adding your program name to the file name title** when saving the file. The nomination forms are provided in a fillable Adobe Acrobat PDF file for your ease in completion.
2. Complete the entry form for each nominee/award being submitted, along with accumulating the additional files required for each award such as PDF, audio, video or photos. The Awards Committee is requesting that submitted information be provided in the following manner:
  - a. Any written documents requested in the nomination process be converted and submitted in Adobe Acrobat PDF files
  - b. Videos submitted in either .MPEG-4 or .MOV format
    - i. No video files submitted using a reference to a website or provided URL will be accepted. The program must obtain the video file and provide it to the CSUSA Awards Committee in the approved format listed above.
  - c. Any audio files be submitted in either .MP3 or .WAV format.
  - d. Any photos or pictures in .JPEG, .JPG, .PNG or .GIF format.
3. Accumulate all these files for each specific award nomination and title the file by name of the award and program name. For example, TV PSA should all be placed in a file entitled 'TV PSA for (name) Crime Stoppers Program.'
4. Once all this information is ready to submit, go to the link:
  - a. [2026 CSUSA Awards Submission Form](#)
5. At this Google Forms submission site, click on 'Add Files' and upload the files for your award submission. **Remember, if you have multiple award nominations, submit each award individually.** Also, only 10 files can be submitted for each nomination, however, if you have additional files, again, send them in an additional submission using the same link.
6. After submitting your nomination, the Awards Committee will send a confirmation email of your submission for each award within 3 days of submission. If you don't receive this confirmation email, please try resubmitting.

Crime Stoppers USA wants as many award nominations for all the hard work and success stories from our local programs. Therefore, if you have any difficulties with this submission process, we encourage you to connect with K. Scott Abrams, CSUSA Board Member at [sabrams@crimestoppersusa.com](mailto:sabrams@crimestoppersusa.com). Don't know Google Forms? Need assistance with filling in the forms? Unable to submit the files containing the forms? Please connect with Scott by email to set up some time to work through this process. Bottom line... **we want every program that wants to participate to be able to do so!**