

Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting

Call for award nominations

Key dates

- June 9, 2026 (8:59 PT/11:59 PM ET): Call for award nominations close
- August: Winners are notified
- All nominations must be submitted using the [online submissions form](#).

We seek nominations to honor leaders in the field of family planning through four awards:

- **Society of Family Planning Lifetime Achievement Award:** This award is for individuals and/or teams who have spent their careers advancing the science of abortion and contraception, and have supported others in achieving their own success.
- **Society of Family Planning Beacon of Science Award:** This award is reserved for individuals and/or teams who have made marked, visionary contributions towards just and equitable abortion and contraception informed by science. Their work may have included improving clinical care, advancing research, offering education, translating knowledge into policy or practice, or another type of contribution. We place no seniority or disciplinary constraints on nominees for this award, nor do we seek to restrict the types of contributions that can be honored.
- **Society of Family Planning Mentor Award:** This award is for individuals and/or teams who have demonstrated dedication to supporting and furthering the careers of a new generation of academic clinicians or scholars in the field of family planning.
- **Society of Family Planning Next Generation Award:** This award honors individuals early in their careers who have exhibited commitment to the field of family planning through their research or clinical practice. Individuals are eligible to receive this award if they are currently in training or will have completed training before October 2021.

Award details

- Awards will be presented at #SFP2026.
- One person may be invited to interview the award winner.
- Individual award recipients or three representatives from a team award recipient will receive a total cash prize of \$1,000, complimentary conference registration, up to three nights in the conference hotel, travel up to \$600, a per diem of \$100 per day, a reimbursement of \$100 per day for childcare, will have their membership fees for one year covered.

- Eligible nominees not selected in 2025 will be automatically re-submitted for 2026.

Eligibility

- Nominees must be US-based to reflect our focus on domestic family planning.
- Current members of the [Board of Directors](#) are ineligible.

DEI Vision alignment

The Society of Family Planning has a fundamental commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our governance and programming. One of the ways we reflect on this in our programming is by considering how nominees advance our [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Vision](#). Award nominators are strongly encouraged to submit nominees actively advancing this Vision.

Guidelines for submissions and review process

- Review the submission form to see what may be needed to submit a strong nomination.
 - You can find the questions that will be asked on the form in the *Submission form* section below.
 - Make a plan to gather the needed materials before the deadline.
- Confirm consent of co-signers.
 - To maintain equity in the process, we recommend a maximum of five co-signers. The number of co-signers listed will not be used to inform the judging process. Follow the instructions on the submission form to share this nomination and affirm consent. This is not a requirement of submission.
- Illustrate the impact of the nominee's work and their efforts to advance the [DEI Vision](#), being sure to connect to the specific award criteria, and their impact within family planning.
- Nominations will be reviewed by a selector group made up of prior awardees, members of our Board of Directors, Award Committee members, and members of the family planning community based on the strength of the nominee's contributions to specified award criteria and the strength of the nominee's contribution to advancing the [DEI Vision](#).

Submission form

All nominations must be submitted using the [online submissions form](#). The questions on the form are below.

- Submitter name. The submitter will be the primary point of contact for Society staff.
- Submitter email address, institution
- Enter the information below for the individual or team that you want to nominate for this award.
- Which award are you submitting a nomination for?
 - Lifetime Achievement Award
 - Beacon of Science Award

- Mentor Award
- Next Generation Award - Please note we will only accept individuals for this award
- Are you submitting an award nomination for an individual or team?
 - Individual award nominee first and last name
 - Award nominee team name.
 - Award nominee team leader first and last name. Please enter the contact information for the team leader. If selected, we will contact the team leader.
- Society of Family Planning Lifetime Achievement Award
 - This award is for individuals and/or teams who have spent their careers advancing the science of abortion and contraception, and have supported others in achieving their own success.
 - Questions to consider for the Lifetime Achievement Award:
 - What key contributions has the nominee made to advancing the field of family planning? How have they shown support to others in advancing their careers? In what ways are they inspiring the next generation? You may provide links to showcase the individual or team's work.
 - Please include a brief description (500 words or less) with specific examples of this nominee's contributions.
- Society of Family Planning Beacon of Science Award
 - This award is reserved for individuals and/or teams who have made marked, visionary contributions towards just and equitable abortion and contraception informed by science. Their work may have included improving clinical care, advancing research, offering education, translating knowledge into policy or practice, or another type of contribution. We place no seniority or disciplinary constraints on nominees for this award. Nor do we seek to restrict the types of contributions that can be honored.
 - Questions to consider for the Beacon of Science Award:
 - Please describe the marked, visionary contributions the nominee has made to family planning. In what ways is the nominee an inspiration for all working to advance family planning? You may provide links to showcase the individual or team's work.
 - Please include a brief description (500 words or less) with specific examples of this nominee's contributions.
- Society of Family Planning Mentor Award
 - This award is for individuals and/or teams who have demonstrated dedication to supporting and furthering the careers of a new generation of academic clinicians or scholars in the field of family planning.
 - Questions to consider for the Mentor Award include:
 - How has the nominee demonstrated dedication to mentorship? What has been the impact of their work to support and further the careers of the next generation? You may provide links to showcase the individual or team's work.

- Please include a brief description (500 words or less) with specific examples of this nominee's contributions.
- Society of Family Planning Next Generation Award
 - This award honors individuals early in their careers who have exhibited commitment to the field of family planning through their research or clinical practice. Individuals are eligible to receive this award if they are currently in training or will have completed training before October 2021.
 - Questions to consider for the Next Generation Award:
 - Is the nominee early in their career and has demonstrated potential to be an emerging leader in the family planning movement? How have they shown creativity, initiative, and commitment to making a difference? You may provide links to showcase the individual or team's work.
 - Please include a brief description (500 words or less) with specific examples of this nominee's contributions.
- Use the [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Vision](#) as a guide to answer the question below.
- How does the nominee or team advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in their work? You may provide links to showcase the individual or team's work. (250 words or less)
- Co-signer confirmation: To maintain equity in the process, we recommend a maximum of five co-signers. Co-signers are not a requirement to submit. Follow these instructions to share this nomination with each co-signer and affirm their consent to co-signing.
 - Download [this template](#)
 - Save your response to the questions above
 - Share the nomination with a maximum of five co-signers. The number of co-signers listed will not be used to inform the judging process
 - Affirm their consent to cosign the nomination
 - Upload the complete document below
 - [file upload] Upload additional co-signers here. This is not a requirement to submit a nomination.
- Do you agree to sharing this nomination with your nominee if selected?
 - Yes
 - No