

Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting

Join us as we bring together scholars, clinicians, and partners from a range of disciplinary and specialty backgrounds who are united by a shared interest in advancing science that will lead to more just and equitable abortion and contraception.

Call for award nominations

Key dates

- June 9, 2026: Call for award nominations close
- July 2026: Winners are notified

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 in the last five years at the time of the award presentation.

Award details

- Awards will be presented at #SFP2026.
- One nominator may be invited to appear on the panel with the award winner.
- Awardees 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.
- Nominees not selected in 2025 will be automatically re-submitted for 2026.
- We accept nominations on a rolling basis. If you miss the deadline, you will be able to submit a nomination for the 2026 awards.

Eligibility

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

Diversity in award nominations

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 to examine the diversity of presenters and nominees in proposed sessions, abstracts, and awards. [Read our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion vision here](#) to ensure alignment.

Award nominators are strongly encouraged to lift up nominees that contribute to the creation of inclusive spaces, address the needs of underrepresented populations, advance the equitable delivery of evidence-informed and person-centered, anti-racist, and gender-affirming family planning care, and champion diverse voices from across our community.

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.
- Connect with colleagues to see if they will co-sign to your nomination.
 - We appreciate the support of co-signers. To maintain equity in the process, we recommend a cap of up to five people. The number of co-signers listed will not be used to inform the judging process.
 - To hold all of the co-signers in one place, you may add all names to one document which you can upload as part of the nomination. You can use [this template](#) to guide how you upload this information. This is not a requirement to submit a nomination.
- Think through ways to showcase the impact of your nominee's work on the community and the field of family planning.
 - Here are a few ways to demonstrate career history: Google Scholar profile, LinkedIn profile, CV.

- Here are a few ways to demonstrate scholarly contributions: Scholarly publication, clinical guideline, article, textbook authorship.
- The review will focus on the quality of the nomination, and how it showcases the strength of the nominee's contributions to the specified award criteria. The review will not necessarily focus on the quantity of signatories, as quantity may not speak to the review questions.
- Nominations will be reviewed by a selector group made up of prior awardees, members of our Board of Directors, Annual Meeting Committee members, and members of the family planning community based on:
 - The strength of the nominee's contributions to specified award criteria.
 - The strength of the nominee's contribution to addressing and incorporating values of diversity, equity, and inclusion, taking into consideration:
 - The race and ethnicity of the nominee.
 - How the lived experience of the nominee intersects with the work they are doing in the field.
 - What the nominee has done to address inequities in underrepresented populations and marginalized communities.
 - How the nominee has championed diverse voices.

Submission form

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

- Primary nominator first name, last name, email address, institution
- What type of award are you submitting a nomination for?
- Are you submitting a nomination for an individual or team?
 - Individual nominee first and last name
 - Team name
 - Team leader first and last name
- 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.
 - Please include a brief description (500 words or less) with specific examples of this nominee's contributions. Questions to consider for the Lifetime Achievement Award include:
 - Has the nominee dedicated their career to advancing the field of family planning? How have they shown support to others in advancing their careers? Are they known and trusted as a leader in the field? Are they inspiring to the next generation?
- 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.

- Please include a brief description (500 words or less) with specific examples of this nominee's contributions. Questions to consider for the Beacon of Science Award include:
 - Has the nominee demonstrated a tremendous impact on furthering science in the field of family planning? Are they considered to be a leading expert and are they relied on for the next big scientific achievement?
- 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.
 - Please include a brief description (500 words or less) with specific examples of this nominee's contributions. Questions to consider for the Mentor Award include:
 - Has the nominee demonstrated dedication to lifting up others? Do they cultivate trust among rising scholars and rally their peers to enhance support? Are they admired as a leader in the field?
- 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 in the last five years at the time of the award presentation.
 - Please include a brief description (500 words or less) with specific examples of this nominee's contributions. Questions to consider for the Next Generation Award include:
 - Is the nominee early in their career and has demonstrated potential to be an emerging leader in the family planning movement? Have they shown creativity, initiative, and commitment to making a difference?
- You may attach additional co-signers. You can find a template of an example co-signer list [here](#). This is not a requirement to submit a nomination.
 - [file upload]
- You may provide links to items showcasing the individual or team's work.
 - Here are a few ways to demonstrate career history: Google Scholar profile, LinkedIn profile, CV.
 - Here are a few ways to demonstrate scholarly contributions: Scholarly publication, clinical guideline, article, textbook authorship.
 - *Please note we will not accept further statements of support.*
- [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion vision](#) alignment
 - The question below is used during the selection process to ensure nominees uphold the diversity, equity, and inclusion vision for the organization. We would like to know how the person being nominated contributes to the creation of inclusive spaces, addresses the needs of

underrepresented populations, advances the equitable delivery of evidence-based, anti-racist, and gender-affirming family planning care, and champions diverse voices from across our community.

- A strong statement should take the following points into consideration:
 - The race and ethnicity of the nominee.
 - How the lived experience of the nominee intersects with the work they are doing in the field.
 - What the nominee has done to address inequities in underrepresented populations and marginalized communities.
 - How the nominee has championed diverse voices.
- How does the nominee address and incorporate values of diversity, equity, and inclusion in their work? Use the [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion vision](#) as your guide. (250 words)