

#### 2025 AACOG REGIONAL AWARDS

Since 1974, the AACOG Regional Awards program has recognized individuals, organizations, and projects across the region for their dedication and work to enhance the quality of life of Alamo Area residents. The Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) is accepting nominations for the 2025 AACOG Regional Awards. Award recipients will be honored during the AACOG Area Council and Board of Directors Annual Luncheon on **Wednesday**, **December 10<sup>th</sup>**, 2025.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Any person, corporation, community project, or government project that has contributed to the positive advancement of the communities inside the Alamo Area (Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson counties) is eligible for nomination.

\*Previous award recipients are ineligible for the same category if they have won within the past three years. Current elected officials are also ineligible for nomination unless directly involved in a project.

## NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Complete entire nomination form (or online form) for each entry. Please complete separate nomination form for each individual, project, or organization.
- 2. Supporting documentation and letters of support are encouraged and can be emailed to <a href="mailto:social@aacog.gov">social@aacog.gov</a> or uploaded on the online form platform. Please be sure to also include between two to five photos with the submission.
- 3. Nomination form(s) must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2025.
- 4. Submit by email: social@aacog.gov or submit online: AACOGawards.gov.



# **NOMINATION CATEGORIES**

## **Regional Citizen of the Year**

Honoring individuals who demonstrate a dedication to the community through activities and volunteerism outside the scope of their employment. Current elected officials are ineligible for nomination

## Corporate / Business Steward of the Year

Recognizing small, medium, or large for-profit companies that make a positive impact on their local communities through activities such as employee volunteering initiatives, fundraising activities, and other efforts that have established the corporation as a community partner and leader.

# Community / Non-Profit Project of the Year

Honoring community-based or non-profit projects that have made a positive impact to the communities served by the project. Projects must have been completed during the 2025 calendar year.

## **Government / Municipal Project of the Year**

Recognizing governmental entity-based projects that have significantly impacted the community and its residents. Projects must have been completed during the 2025 calendar year.

## Lifetime Achievement Award

Honoring individuals that have significantly contributed to the betterment of the AACOG region over their career or lifetime. This award should only be given to exceptional individuals and may not be awarded every year.

\*Individuals nominated under this category may, at the discretion of the AACOG Community Affairs Committee, be recategorized under the Regional Citizen of the Year category

### Mission Partner of the Year Award

Recognizing organizations AACOG has collaborated with during the past year who embody the agency's values, and contribute to the mission of enhancing the quality of life for Alamo Area residents.

# **Rising Star Award**

Honoring youth ages 14 to 18 who inspire and demonstrate a dedication to service outside of standard academic work.



# **SCORING CRITERIA**

# **Project Description | 30 Points**

Overall summary of the individual, project, or effort, incorporating who, what, where, when, and why this nomination deserves recognition

# **Measurable Achievements | 30 Points**

Provide quantitative data reflecting the success of the individual's or program's efforts. Describe how many individuals were positively impacted, reached, etc.

# **Community Impact | 20 Points**

Explain how this project enhances the quality of life for residents of the respective community and/or the greater Alamo Area

# Partnerships Developed | 20 Points

Describe any collaboration with community organizations, governmental agencies, churches, or other organized groups that aided to the success of this individual's or project's efforts



# **NOMINATION**

Name of Nominee:			
Award Category:			
Address:			
City/Zip Code:			
Phone Number:			
Email Address:			
Website:			
PERSON MAKING NOMINATION			
Name:			
Phone Number:			
Email Address:			
Relationship to Nominee:			
Where you heard about			
the award program?			



Please answer the following four (4) questions.
\*Please note your submission is incomplete if you do not include between two to five photos.

1.	Describe the project or individual being nominated; please cover who, what, where, when, and why this nominee deserves to receive this award. (500 word max.) (30 Points)



2.	Describe the achievements of this project / individual and why this nominee deserves to receive this award. (250 word max) (30 Points)



3.	Describe the project / individual's positive impact on the community and its residents. (500 word max.) (20 Points)



4.	Please list and describe any partnerships developed through this project / individual's efforts. (250 word max.) (20 Points)