

Texas Council Child Welfare Boards Awards Committee

Email address: awards@tccwb.org

Dear Regional Council Chairs:

Attached are the TCCWB Nomination Forms. Please retain a copy for your records. Distribute via email to all county child welfare/CPS boards in your region as soon as possible. The forms will also be available on our website. The bottom section is to be filled out by the Regional Chairperson.

We have added an approval line for signature of the chair and identification of the county board making the nomination. This is an effort to improve the communication process through the local boards and regional councils prior to final selection and notification of honorees for recognition by TCCWB at our Awards Luncheon this fall in Austin.

After your regional awards committee has narrowed local nomination to one per category, please email your packet of regional finalist to the TCCWB Awards Committee at the above email address. Feel free to contact us via email with questions or comments.

This year the male and female youth winners will not only be honored at our Awards Luncheon but will also receive a monetary award at that time.

Remember this is a statewide competition and you are the advocate for your nominee.

<u>Narratives</u> - We ask that narratives be informative, concise, and competitive. The narrative is not to exceed one (1) page. It is suggested that the narratives be typed in no smaller that 12-point lettering with one-inch margins.

<u>Photo</u> - We require a photo of each nominee to be submitted with the form. The photo will be used in our Awards program. **Only one (1) photo per nominee, please.**

<u>Youth Nominee's</u> - we require the age and sex of the foster children nominee's along with their birthdays, and major accomplishments. They must be a graduating senior in high school or in college or trade school and still residing in foster care.

<u>Foster Parent Nominees</u> - we need to know how long they have been foster parents, how many children they have fostered, and if the have fostered any special needs children.

The TCCWB Executive Committee will review all nominations submitted from all Regions and will make the final selection for State Awards in each category.

Please be sure to include completed and updated contact information so that we may easily notify the winners.

Website and Social Media Release and Agreement -

We continue to seek amazing stories to share on the Fostering Brighter Futures Website and their social media pages. If your nominated person/s, group, entity, business, and/or child (a parent or legal guardian must give permission of a child under the age of 18) agree to give permission for Fostering Brighter Futures (a project of TCCWB) permission to share their story, photo, and other item on the Fostering Brighter Futures website, (or their social media). Please read the Fostering Brighter Futures Website and Social Media Release and Agreement section on the nomination form, and make sure it is signed by the parent (or legal guardian).

As always, we would appreciate each County Child Welfare Board and Regional Council donating to the TCCWB to help defray the expenses of the upcoming awards ceremony and youth financial awards. Your donations make this statewide recognition possible. Please make checks payable to TCCWB, and designate 2025 Awards Event on the check in the memo section. We suggest a donation by each local and regional board of \$50.00 or more to support this event and insure its success.

Thank you, TCCWB Awards Committee