

Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards

2025-2026 Award for Outstanding

FEMALE YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Nomination Form

This Award is to recognize a graduating female youth in foster care or a youth in college/trade school still in foster care for her leadership or exemplary achievement. This award covers activities between June 2025 and May 2026. The winner will be honored at our Awards Luncheon in Austin, TX and a financial award is involved. Must be a senior in high school or in college.

Submitted by:		Region:
Mailing Address:		
City:	Zip:	Telephone:
Email Address:		
Approved by:		Name of Board:
Mailing Address		
City:	Zip:	Telephone:
Email Address:		

Narrative: Youth MUST be in the Foster Care System. Attach information, not to exceed one (1) page. Please include age, sex, birthday and accomplishments. One photo must be attached of the nominee.

Nominee's Name:		Foster Parents Name:	
Case Worker's Name:		County:	Region:
Case Worker's Mailing Address:			
City:	Zip:	Telephone:	
Caseworker's Email Address:			
Nominee's Telephone Number:		* We MUST be able to contact the Winner*	
Nominee's Email Address:			

Fostering Brighter Futures Website and Social Media Release Agreement

I, _____, grant permission to Fostering Brighter Futures (a project of the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards) to post my, (or our), group, entity, business and/or my child's story, photo or other item, hereinafter referred to as "Materials," which I submit to and for the Fostering Brighter Futures website, Facebook (Fostering Brighter Futures), Twitter (@fbftexas), and/or Instagram (@fbfutures) accounts. I understand that a parent or legal guardian must give permission for a child under the age of 18. I understand that statements I make may be paraphrased for the sake of concise media postings. **I hereby release** Fostering Brighter Futures from all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with any use of said "Material," including, without limitation, all claims for invasion of privacy, infringement of my right or publicity, defamation, and any other personal and/or property right.

To verify the material submitted, a representative from the following may be contacted:

____ Child Protective Services (CPS), ____ Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), ____ Attorney Ad Litem, or a ____ Licenses Child Placing Agency

Representative's Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

I understand that the material I submit cannot contain pictures, videos, names, or other identifying characteristics of a foster child. I acknowledge and agree that no sums whatsoever will be due to me as a result of the posting or use of the "Materials" or any rights therein.

Signature of Parent (or Legal Guardian): _____

Printed Name of Parent (or Legal Guardian): _____ **Date:** _____

I acknowledge that my child is under 18 years of age and lacks the legal capacity to enter into binding agreements. Accordingly, I have read this Release and Agreement and agree to my child's inclusion in the Materials and will not contest the rights waived in this Release, and shall assist and support Fostering Brighter Futures in any and all legal proceedings for affirmation of this Agreement, should either party choose to have a court of law affirm this Agreement.

Child's Name: _____

Signature of Parent (or Legal Guardian): _____

Printed Name of Parent (or Legal Guardian): _____ **Date:** _____

Deadlines:

- Nomination forms must be submitted to your **Regional Council** by: **11:59pm Monday May 4, 2026**
- Regional Councils may submit one (1) nomination from each category to **TCCWB Awards Committee** at: awards@tccwb.org
Regular Mail Nominations will not be accepted).

Final Submissions must be received via email by 11:59pm Friday on June 8, 2026 to be eligible

**** The Section to be completed by the Regional Chairperson ****

Regional Contact:	Phone:
Email Address:	

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Photo submission for 2025-2026 Award Nomination

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.

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Narrative submission instructions for 2025-2026 Award Nomination

We ask that Narratives be informative concise and competitive. Please type your narrative on the next page, in section provided.

Narratives should be not exceed the space provided, be in a 12-pt font and remember to describe in as much detail as possible, as to why the person you are nominating deserves to be chosen over all other nominees from across the state.

**Narrative for
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