

## **Academy Founders' Award**

**Deadline:** The deadline for nominations is September 1, 2026.

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**The intent of the Academy Founders' Award is to recognize outstanding service to the Academy and the discipline of criminal justice.**

### **Eligibility criteria:**

To be eligible for an award, the nominee must:

1. Be an active ACJS member in good standing for at least five (5) past consecutive years prior to being nominated.
2. Through service activities, has made a substantial contribution to the Academy and to the discipline of criminal justice.

**Nomination requirements:** ACJS sends out an annual request for nominations for the Academy Founders' Award. Nominations must be provided electronically to the subcommittee chair by the established due date. Only those individuals who meet the eligibility criteria will be evaluated based on the selection criteria.

To be considered:

1. Prior recipients of the Academy Founders' Award are not eligible for nomination.
2. Nominees must be active members of ACJS in good standing for at least five (5) past consecutive years prior to being nominated.
3. The nominator must be a current member of ACJS.
4. Self-nominations are not accepted.
5. The nomination should include the official nomination letter. The letter should provide specific information about how the nominee fits the award criteria.
6. The nominators must include a nominee's CV with their nomination letter.

**Selection criteria:** The subcommittee for this award shall examine the nomination letters and the CVs against the eligibility criteria and nomination requirements, as listed above. Only nominations that meet the eligibility criteria and nomination requirements will be considered for the award.