

ACJS Criminal Justice Agency or Non-Profit Organization Leadership and Innovation Award: The deadline for Nominations is September 1, 2026.

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The intent of the ACJS Criminal Justice or Non-Profit Organization Leadership and Innovation Award is to recognize an agency or non-profit organization whose work has had a direct, positive, and significant effect on the criminal justice system, with a commitment to improving the criminal justice system.

Criminal justice agencies and non-profit organizations include agencies such as corrections, police, victim services, juvenile justice, case management and treatment, drug/alcohol and mental health services, and community coalitions, as well as research, government, or public service, along with related and ancillary programs, and services.

Eligibility criteria: To be eligible for this award, the nominee shall have:

1. Been an outstanding agency or non-profit organization and innovator in or related to the criminal justice system.
2. Demonstrated commitment to improving the criminal justice system.
3. Contributed to criminal justice or related programs, relevant policies, or community development. These contributions may include community outreach, program development, policy implementation, education, training, direct services, research, and legislative action.
4. Provided exemplary service to its community.

Nomination requirements:

1. Prior recipients of the ACJS Criminal Justice Agency Or Non-Profit Organization Leadership Award are not eligible.
2. Nominees need not be current institutional ACJS members.
3. Self-nominations are not accepted.
4. Priority should be given to the criminal justice agencies and non-profit organizations working in the region where the annual meeting is held.
5. The nominator could be either a regional organization affiliated with ACJS or an ACJS member in good standing.
6. The nomination should include the official nomination letter, nominee's full contact information, and rationale for the nomination. A nomination is invalid if

no letter of nomination or rationale for the nominee is received by the Committee by the deadline set for such supporting materials.

Selection criteria:

1. Recognition for outstanding professional service and contributions to criminal justice or related system.
2. Demonstration of leadership in the administration of criminal justice or related system in a manner which reflects the highest standards of integrity and performance.
3. Acknowledgment for distinguished accomplishments and exceptional professionalism.

ACJS will recognize the Awardee at its annual ceremony during the ACJS Annual Meeting. The recipient of the Award is expected to send an agency or organizational representative to the ACJS Annual Meeting and will receive a \$600 travel stipend.