

Caring Award Nomination Form

Do you know someone who exemplifies the value of caring and whose unselfish contributions to society need recognition?

The Caring Institute is now accepting nominations for the Caring Award for individuals from 9 to 99 years old. The criteria are simple. Tell us about someone, in at least 500 words, who best personifies caring, and would be a worthy role model to be emulated by others. Letters of recommendation should be included to give testimony to a long-standing commitment to public service.

Please give consideration to:

- Length of service
- Scope and impact of work
- Degree of difficulty and obstacles encountered
- Imagination and innovation

An assembly of nominees are selected to be represented on the official ballot. The nominees are then voted on and selected by the board of Trustees and previous Caring Award recipients. Recipients are flown to Washington, DC, and honored at a special ceremony. Young adults recipients receive educational monies for college tuition.

Nominee's name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Zip code: _____

Phone number: _____

Fax number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Website: _____

School/Grade (Young Adults Only): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Nominator's name and title: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Zip code: _____

Phone number: _____

Fax number: _____

The Caring Institute, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, was founded by in 1985 by Val J. Halamandaris. He was inspired by Mother Teresa of Calcutta who challenged him to do something about the poverty of the spirit in America. He decided to promote the values of selflessness, integrity, and caring by searching for those individuals who devote their lives in service to others. The Caring Institute shares their stories so that people of all ages may be inspired by their words and actions. A full list of past award winners and their stories is available at www.caring-institute.org.

The Caring Institute honors caring Americans; assists in fulfilling the last wishes of terminally ill children; sponsors the Art of Caring poster and photography contest; and manages the Frederick Douglass Museum and Hall of Fame for Caring Americans, located on Capitol Hill at 320 A Street NE in Washington, DC.

Simply fill in the information above and send it, along with your letter of nomination to:

National Caring Awards, Caring Institute

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“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.”

-Albert Einstein

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What characteristics and accomplishments are you looking for in a Caring Award candidate?

Caring Award recipients are role models who exemplify an extraordinary commitment to public service and social responsibility. Past recipients come from all walks of life, but are united in their deep concern for others. We seek to honor those who have demonstrated selflessness, exhibited a long-term commitment to service and the betterment of society, and who have had a significant impact on the lives of others in their community, nation, and /or the world. We particularly look for those who have founded an organization that is centered on serving others, as well as those whose efforts will last beyond their lifetime.

What are the guidelines to be nominated for a young adult Caring Award?

We classify our young adult Caring Award winners as those candidates who are nominated prior to their graduation from high school and/or their eighteenth (18) birthdays. Those candidates enrolled in junior college, college or universities are not illegible for the young adult Caring Award and the scholarship that accompanies the award.

How do I nominate someone for a Caring Award?

Simply complete the form on the front of this sheet and submit it, along with a written summary explaining why you think your nominee should be recognized, and the names and phone numbers of people to contact regarding your nominee's activities. Young adult nomination letters should also state their date of birth, grade, and name of school. We recommend that a nomination form be supported by two (2) letters of recommendation, one from an educator and another from a sponsor in the community. It is beneficial to include newspaper articles, letters, and any additional information to support your nomination. Nominations for adults are accepted year round; however, if a nomination arrives at the end of our internal cycle (late spring), we will consider the nominee for the next year. Young adult nominations are accepted from the beginning of the school year through April.

What is the National Caring Awards nomination process?

All of the adult and young adult nominations we receive are acknowledged, reviewed, and evaluated. The Caring Institute staff and volunteers review every nomination we receive, research those with potential, and provide the Institute's Executive Advisory Board with a broad sampling of finalists. An official ballot is prepared and distributed to our Board of Trustees and all former Caring Award recipients to be voted on. The board then selects ten adult and five youth award recipients from this group, by secret ballot. Once a class is selected, we must confirm with the nominee that they can be present to accept their award at our official ceremony and induction into the Frederick Douglass Museum and Hall of Fame for Caring Americans on Capitol Hill. Finalists not chosen as award recipients should send us updated information for their files so that they can be considered for the award in subsequent years.

How are Caring Award recipients honored?

Recipients are flown to Washington, DC and honored at a special ceremony. We present to each winner a crystal statue, a framed certificate, and picture of Mother Teresa. The young adult recipients are given an educational scholarship in addition to the award. Recipients are also profiled in the December issue of *CARING* magazine. Both adults and young adults are inducted into the Hall of Fame for Caring Americans located at 320 A Street NE, on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

