



**MAYOR'S VICTIM ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK  
AWARDS NOMINATION**



April 21 - 27, 2024

The Mayor's Victim Assistance Advisory Council (VAAC) will honor individuals and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding service above and beyond their daily responsibilities on behalf of crime victims and victims' rights in Jacksonville during the annual observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Nominations are accepted for paid staff, volunteers, and organizations/groups in the following categories:

1. **COURAGEOUS VICTIM** – A victim of crime who has shown the courage to speak out and make a difference regarding fair treatment of victims in the criminal justice system and in our community.
2. **OUTSTANDING VICTIM ADVOCATE** – An individual who provides services to crime victims/survivors and has demonstrated excellence, compassion, and dedication in working for the welfare of victims, improvement of victims' services, and protection of victims' rights.
3. **CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVOCATE**– A prosecutor, judge, or other criminal justice professional who has demonstrated outstanding sensitivity and responsiveness to victims' rights.
4. **LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVOCATE** – A police officer, correctional officer, juvenile justice professional or other sworn law enforcement professional who has demonstrated outstanding sensitivity and responsiveness to victims' rights.
5. **MEDIA** – An individual, corporation or organization that has demonstrated respect for the dignity of victims of crime and sensitivity to victim issues.
6. **COMMUNITY ADVOCATE** - An individual or group whose activism has significantly impacted the Jacksonville community through victims' rights awareness or enhanced services.

The VAAC Awards Committee will select one recipient for each award category. **Award recipients will be honored during the Annual Victims' Rights Week Awards Luncheon.** Nominators may be contacted for additional information and/or to present the awards.

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

Complete packets are required for each nomination.

- Completed Awards Nomination Form
- Attach a letter of recommendation from an individual other than the nominator addressing the nominee's outstanding work in supporting crime victims or advancing victims' rights
- Individuals may be nominated for awards in multiple categories. A separate nomination packet must be submitted for each award nomination
- Packets must be submitted by the deadline to be considered

For additional information or questions contact Kyra Williams at (904) 255-3321 or [vaac@coj.net](mailto:vaac@coj.net)



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**AWARD CATEGORY** *(check only one)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Courageous Victim</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Outstanding Victim Advocate</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Criminal Justice Award</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Law Enforcement Advocate</b>    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Media</b>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Community Advocate</b>          |

**NOMINEE INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOMINATOR INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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**In the box below, describe why you are nominating the person/group for the award. Include the following information: (1) uniqueness of contribution (2) impact of service on/in the community and (3) length of service.**

**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED BY:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit completed nominations by 5:00pm Thursday, March 14, 2024**

Mail to:  
City of Jacksonville  
Attn: VRW Awards Nominations  
Mayor's Victim Assistance Advisory Council  
1809 Art Museum Drive  
Jacksonville, Florida 32207

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