

The National
Credit Union
Foundation
Dinner
Presenting The Herb Wegner
Memorial Awards 2026

FAQ Document for Wegner Award Nomination Packet

What are the Wegner Awards and what do they celebrate?

The awards were established to honor the memory of Herb Wegner, a visionary leader who served as President & CEO of CUNA in the 1970s who is noted for seeing the credit union movement not as it was but how it could be.

The National Credit Union Foundation is proud to host these awards, the credit union movement's highest national honors. In 2026, we will celebrate the 37th annual Foundation Dinner. The evening is dedicated to recognizing and celebrating leaders, programs, and organizations that have made a lasting impact on the credit union movement.

What is the timeline for the nomination process?

May 1, 2025	2026 Nomination Materials Available
June 30, 2025	Nomination Deadline
September 30, 2025	Award Recipients Notification Deadline
October 6, 2025	Award Recipients Announced by The Foundation
March 2, 2026	37th Annual National Credit Union Foundation Dinner held in conjunction with America's Credit Unions Governmental Affairs Conference (GAC) in Washington D.C.

What do I need to include in the nomination packet?

- Completed nomination form, see page 4 of the nomination packet.
- Completed award submission questions from nominator, see page 5 of the nomination packet.
- 5-10 personal recommendations – written or video formats accepted; video length up to 2 minutes; one person per video.

I'm not sure who to request personal recommendations from?

The nomination packet requires 5-10 personal recommendations. You can ask professional connections, vendor partners, current or previous leadership, credit union system and community leaders to provide recommendations. A variety of sources who can provide different perspectives is encouraged by the selection committee.

What does a personal recommendation include?

Recommendations may be submitted in a written or video format. The recommendation should include at least three reasons for the nomination with illustrative descriptions and examples. For video submissions, each video should feature only one person providing the recommendation and should be no longer than 2 minutes in length.

How are the winners selected?

Nominations are scored using a set of criteria for each category followed by an in-depth discussion of each nomination by the selection committee, which includes individuals from a cross-section of the credit union movement including the Foundation board, credit unions, leagues, and related organizations.

The final recommendations are presented to and approved by the Foundation board.

Is an award given in each category?

No, it is not a requirement that the Foundation recognize an Outstanding Individual and Outstanding Organization or Program each year. Nominees for both categories are considered, scored, and discussed during the selection process each year.

I have more questions about the nomination process. Who should I contact?

Please contact Jenni Speth, Engagement Director, at jspeth@ncuf.coop

