

# THE National Credit Union FOUNDATION<sup>®</sup>

## Call for 2027 Herb Wegner Memorial Award Nominations

The Herb Wegner Memorial Awards are the highest national honors in the U.S. credit union movement.

Since 1989, the National Credit Union Foundation has proudly hosted this annual tradition, celebrating people and organizations that have made extraordinary, lasting contributions to improving financial well-being and advancing cooperative finance.



# Recent Winners

## 2026

Kathy Chartier  
Gigi Hyland  
Steven Stapp

## 2025

Teri M. Robinson  
Michael Valentine  
Deborah A Wege  
Maine Credit Unions'  
Campaign for Ending Hunger

## 2024

Tony C. Budget  
Judy S. DeLucca  
Bob Trunzo  
Selfreliance Foundation

## 2023

Linda Bodie  
Brian Branch  
Bill Cheney  
Winona Nava

## 2022

Faith Based Credit Union  
Alliance  
Roger Heacock  
Lucy Ito

## 2020

John Fiore  
Teresa Freeborn  
Maurice R. Smith

For a full list of previous winners,  
visit [ncuf.coop/foundationdinner](https://ncuf.coop/foundationdinner)



## Call for Nominations

Nominations can come from individuals and/or organizations. Current members of the Foundation's board, committees and/or Foundation staff are not eligible for nomination.

Complete the appropriate Award Nominations Forms included in this brochure and submit them along with at least five but no more than ten personal recommendations in support of the nomination.

Personal recommendations may be submitted in either letter or video format and must cite at least three descriptive reasons for the nomination.

## Selection Information

Selections will be made by the Foundation's Herb Wegner Awards Selection committee, comprised of a cross section of the credit union movement. Scoring is based on information provided on the nomination form and in the letters or videos of recommendation. Award recipients will be notified in July.

## Awards Presentation

Awards will be presented at the 38<sup>th</sup> annual National Credit Union Foundation Gala Presenting the Herb Wegner Memorial Awards on Monday, March 1, 2027 in conjunction with the America's Credit Unions Governmental Affairs Conference (GAC) in Washington, D.C.

# Awards

## Outstanding Individual Achievement

*To honor an individual who is dedicated to promoting the credit union philosophy, has created innovative concepts, and provided leadership that has had a significant and lasting impact on the local, regional, national and/or international credit union movement with measured results.*

### Criteria:

- Accomplishment(s) must relate to the Foundation's mission to improve financial well-being with and through credit unions.
- Demonstrated leadership and guidance in maintaining the credit union philosophy of people helping people.
- Demonstrated visionary leadership, personal commitment and innovation beyond professional competence and requirements of the position employed to serve.
- Measurements that quantify how their accomplishment(s) are having and/or have impacted the local, regional, national and/or international credit union movement.
- Demonstrated identifiable and lasting changes to improve/promote credit unions.
- Demonstrated embodiment of the credit union cooperative principles.
- Recognized for mentoring and inspiring others in the advancement of the credit union system.

## Outstanding Organization or Program

*To honor an organization, program or business for their innovative concepts, products, and services that have had a significant impact on the local, regional, national and/or international credit union movement with measured results.*

### Criteria:

- Accomplishment(s) must relate to the Foundation's mission to improve financial well-being with and through credit unions.
- Measurements that quantify how the accomplishment(s) have impacted the local, regional, national and/or international credit union movement.
- Relates to core credit union values of mutual self-help, cooperation, economic empowerment and volunteerism.
- Supports community partnerships/collaboration outside the credit union system.



# 2027 Herb Wegner Memorial Award Nominations

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**Submit questions and completed packets to** Grace Williams, Executive Relations Manager at [gwilliams@ncuf.coop](mailto:gwilliams@ncuf.coop)

**Nominations Due**  
Friday, May 29, 2026  
Awards Presentation  
Monday, March 1, 2027

## Nominee Information

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Nominee's name *(please list contact name if nomination is for Outstanding Organization or Program)* Credit Union/Organization

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Address City State Zip

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Telephone Email

Check if the nominee is aware that they are being nominated.

## Nominator Information *(if not self-nominated)*

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Nominated by Credit Union/Organization

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Address City State Zip

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Telephone Email

All nominee and nominator information must be complete before submitting. If information is incomplete the nomination will be returned. All materials submitted become the property of the Foundation and will not be returned. Please fill out the appropriate nomination form from the following pages. Each question should be listed in the separate document with the corresponding answers.

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# Award Submission

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Please answer the following questions about the nominee in a separate document. These criteria will be used to select the award winner. Along with this form, the nominator must submit at least five but no more than ten personal recommendations in support of the nomination. Personal recommendations may be submitted in either letter or video format and must cite at least three descriptive reasons for the nomination. Videos must only include 1 person per video and no more than 2-3 minutes in length per video.

## Outstanding Individual Achievement

### Questions:

1. Explain how the nominee's accomplishments relate to the National Credit Union Foundation's mission to improve financial well-being with and through credit unions.
2. How did the nominee demonstrate leadership and guidance in maintaining the credit union philosophy of people helping people?
3. How did the nominee embody the credit union cooperative principles?
4. How did the nominee demonstrate visionary leadership, personal commitment and innovation beyond professional competence and requirements of their job?
5. How did the nominee demonstrate identifiable and lasting changes to improve/promote credit unions?
6. Provide measurements that quantify how their accomplishment(s) are having and/or have impacted the local, regional, national and/or international credit union movement.
7. How has the nominee made a difference in individual lives or been recognized for mentoring and inspiring others in advancement of the credit union system?

## Outstanding Organization or Program

### Questions:

1. Explain how the nominated organization or program's accomplishments relate to the National Credit Union Foundation's mission to improve financial well-being with and through credit unions.
2. Provide measurements that quantify how the nominated organization or program's accomplishment(s) have impacted the local, regional, national and/or international credit union movement above and beyond usual requirements.
3. How did the nominated organization or program embody the core credit union values of mutual self-help, cooperation, economic empowerment, and volunteerism?
4. How did the nominated organization or program support community partnerships/collaboration outside the credit union system?