

HOMEOWNER LEADER AWARD

Outstanding Homeowner Leader Award

The Outstanding Homeowner Leader Award recognizes a homeowner who demonstrates outstanding contributions to the association they serve, and to their surrounding community. This individual is committed to and clearly understands their role and fiduciary responsibility as a community volunteer.

Qualification & Nomination

Any homeowner can be nominated for the Outstanding Homeowner Leader Award, whether they are a member of CAI-IL or not. An applicant may nominate themselves or may be nominated by their Association Board, their Community Association Manager, or a Business Partner who has worked with them for a minimum of 2 years including the period of September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026.

Guidelines

- If a Community Manager submits one of the top three nominations, that Manager will also receive one complimentary ticket to the Excellence Awards & Winter Gala.
- The top three nominees will each be given two complimentary tickets to the Excellence Awards & Winter Gala.
- A separate nomination form must accompany each entry.
- Entries, photos and any documentation will not be returned and become the property of CAI-IL.
- A nominee must have performed the activities in Illinois.
- There is no nomination fee for the Outstanding Homeowner Leader Award.
- CAI-IL reserves all publishing rights for the materials submitted.
- A nomination form can be completed online or downloaded at <https://www.cai-illinois.org/about-cai/awards-and-honors/> Entries must be received in CAI-IL's office or emailed to cherylm@cai-illinois.org by September 1, 2026 or postmarked by August 29, 2026.

Judging

- Each nominee will be evaluated on their leadership and accomplishments based on the information provided in the nomination. Judges reserve the right to withhold awards in this category where the quality of the work does not warrant such recognition. All decisions of the judges are final. Information that accompanies each nomination may be verified for accuracy. All nominees will be notified of their nomination for the Excellence Awards and are encouraged to attend the Excellence Awards & Winter Gala on November 13, 2026. The top three nominees will each be given two complimentary tickets to the Excellence Awards & Winter Gala.

Outstanding Homeowner Leader Award Nomination:

Please submit a description of why you think this volunteer deserves the Outstanding Homeowner Leader Award. Include information about their leadership role, how long they've served, and what they've accomplished. You can include examples on how they've made a difference—whether by leading a project, serving on the board or a committee, building strong relationships, or actively participating in CAI events. Share how they've demonstrated leadership, inspired others, or strengthened the sense of community. You're welcome to include any additional ways they've contributed, both within the association and beyond which will help the Awards Committee determine the winner.

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Outstanding Homeowner Leader Award Nomination Form
(complete one for each submission):

Nominee:

Name _____

Title _____

Association _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Nominated by:

Name _____

Title _____

Company/Association _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Signature _____

Date _____

- _____ I have attached a description of the reasons why I am nominating the candidate
- _____ I will submit a jpeg photo of the candidate
- _____ I have worked with this volunteer for at least 2 years
- _____ This volunteer will be comfortable and able to go on stage to receive their award (if not accommodations will be made)

Complete this form and submit along with your nomination description by September 1, 2026 to Cheryl Murphy at cherylm@cai-illinois.org or mail to:
CAI-IL | 1821 Walden Office Square, Suite 100 | Schaumburg, IL 60173
If you do not receive a confirmation within 72 hours after submission,
contact the CAI-IL Office at (847) 301-7505