

## Acts of Excellence Program Overview

### What is the Acts of Excellence Program?

Every day in South Dakota, remarkable acts of dedication and achievement are quietly shaping our state's future. The Acts of Excellence program, proudly sponsored by Sanford Health, is dedicated to acknowledging these unsung heroes. We spotlight individuals and organizations whose efforts are forging a legacy of excellence in their communities, one inspiring act at a time.

We aim to honor the transformative impact of individual and collective efforts that contribute to the betterment of our communities. By highlighting these stories of excellence, we not only pay tribute to exceptional contributions but also ignite a passion in our youth to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

Join us in this journey of appreciation and inspiration, as we enhance the quality of life in South Dakota, celebrating and encouraging a culture of excellence that resonates through every corner of our state.

### Application Requirements

To apply for the Acts of Excellence Award, nominees must provide:

- **A Detailed Description of the Act(s):** Describe the specific actions or series of actions that make the nominee stand out in their field.
- **Impact and Significance:** Explain how these actions have positively influenced the community and state.
- **Leadership Qualities:** For individual nominees, outline their leadership attributes. For organizations, highlight what sets them apart from others.
- **3 Letters of Recommendation:** From individuals who can attest to the nominee's contribution and character.
- **Optional Supporting Documents:** Additional material like articles, certificates, or photographs that further showcase the nominee's achievements. You are welcome to submit up to three.

### Celebrating the Awardees

Successful nominees will be honored with:

- A **Commemorative Plaque** recognizing their contribution.
- **Media Recognition** across various platforms.
- An **Awards Ceremony** on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at the Visitor and Education Center in Chamberlain, South Dakota to celebrate their achievements.
- A **Year-Long Display** at the Visitor and Education Center, showcasing the awardees and their accomplishments.

### Selection Process

Applications for Acts of Excellence Awards will be reviewed by the South Dakota Hall of Fame Management and the Programming Committee of the South Dakota Hall of Fame Board of Directors. This panel evaluates the impact, influence, and leadership demonstrated by the nominees, considering both the application and the letters of recommendation.