



The Virginia Baptist State Convention, Inc.
2026 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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NOMINEE:
Church:
Church Address:
City, State, Zip:
AWARD (Choose from List):
DATE:

Deadline: April 15th, 2026

PROPOSED CITATION: Summarize in your own words the specific achievement or contribution which inspired the nomination. Limit is 80 words.

BACKGROUND: Succinctly describe the reason(s) for the nomination. Include dates and significant relevant accomplishments, their impact in the church and larger community, and the ways in which they meet the requirements of the specific award. Use complete sentences without abbreviations. Limit is 300 words. Additional biographical material (resume or bio) may be attached but is limited to 3 typed pages.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

AWARD RULES

Any member in good financial standing with a Church that is in good financial standing with the Convention may submit a nomination by following the rules below. Award recipients are selected by vote of the Awards Committee: each committee member reviews the nomination forms and ranks the candidates based on the significance of the accomplishments cited, their relevance to the specific award, and the timeliness of the nomination. Committee members are not eligible for an award during his/her tenure.

Rules:

1. The nominee **must** be a current member in good financial standing with a Church that is a member in good financial standing with the Convention, with the sole exception of the President's Awards which are open to nonmembers.
2. Employees of a company that is a sponsor of the Convention or an award are not eligible to receive any awards. However, a company sponsoring the convention or an event is eligible for a President's award if selected. Self nomination is not allowed. Deceased persons may be nominated.
3. An individual, church, company or organization can only receive one award in any one year, and is not eligible to receive the same award at anytime but is eligible for another award only after five years of receiving an award.
4. This form may be submitted via email as a Word document attachment. Forms sent via email must be addressed to the Awards Committee Chair, thevbsc@comcast.net or moralhill@comcast.net. If email is not available, you must mail a hard copy of the form and attachments to:

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Axton, VA 24054

Any additional biographical material in electronic or hard copy attachments **must be limited to 3 typed pages. No materials or photographs will be returned.**

5. Nominations **must be received** by **April 15, 2026.**
6. In the event your nominee is selected, be prepared to forward a high resolution color photo (nominee in business attire) via email within 5 days of notification.
7. Awards will be presented at the **People's Award's Luncheon** at the VBSC's 159th Annual Session.

The Annual Awards

THE PEOPLE'S AWARDS

1. MODERATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Awarded annually to the Moderator of an active and financially supportive local Association, for outstanding service and embracing the theme and thrust of the Convention.

2. PASTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Established to recognize the outstanding church and community leadership of a local pastor/senior pastor.

3. ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Given annually to an unpaid associate minister of a local church who embodies Servanthood and submission to pastoral authority and leadership.

4. DIACONATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD The award is given annually to recognize the significant and faithful service of a deacon or deaconess to their local church.

5. TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR AWARD Awarded annually to a church trustee for outstanding service to their local church.

6. MINISTRY LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD This award is presented annually to an individual who demonstrates leadership excellence as the president, director or overseer of a church ministry without compensation.

7. LAYPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD Established to honor the significant contributions of a volunteer who serves faithfully in a local church; often in the shadows of others without fanfare or compensation.

8. CHURCH STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented annually for outstanding service to a local church as a paid member of its staff. Clergy or laypersons may be nominated for this award.

9. CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR Awarded to a dedicated paid or volunteer Christian educator for outstanding service and/or leadership.

10. YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD The annual award is for an active and faithful youth member of a local church, up to age 18.

11. YOUNG ADULT OF THE YEAR AWARD It is given annually to a young adult between the ages of 19-35 for outstanding service to their local church.

12. CHURCH MUSICIAN/MINISTER OF MUSIC OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is presented annually to honor excellent service and dedication to the ministry of music in the local church.

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

1. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The award is given annually to recognize the outstanding contributions of an individual to their field of study, area of interest or the VBSC.

2. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The award is presented annually to an individual who has during their lifetime made repeated significant contributions to their field of study, area of interest or the VBSC.

3. ROBERT J. N. JONES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

This Award is presented annually to an individual who has made noteworthy contributions to the improvement of the quality of life and welfare of other people.

4. CORPORATE/BUSINESS AWARD

Presented annually to a corporation or business which has established a track record of excellence in providing superior service to its clients, innovative programs and initiatives that benefit, empowers or protects its employees; while it maintains the highest ethical and moral standards.

5. HERITAGE AWARD

The award is presented annually to honor excellence in the promotion, perpetuation and preservation of African American History.

6. JOHN H. FOSTER POLITICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Given to a Christian man or woman that has distinguished him or herself as an elected official in a municipal, state or national office.

(No more than two each can be given per fiscal year)