

2025 - 2026 Florida Missing Children's Day Citizen Award Nomination Form



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

Thank you for considering nominees for the 2025 - 2026 Florida Missing Children's Day Awards. General award winners will be selected by the Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse (MEPIC) Advisory Board. Special award winners are selected by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's (FDLE) Commissioner. The awards will be presented on Florida Missing Children's Day on Monday, September 14, 2026, in Tallahassee, Florida. Please email this completed form to FMCD@fdle.state.fl.us or mail it to FDLE, Attn. FMCD Coordinator, Post Office Box 1489, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

Nominator Information (Primary Award Contact)

The nominator will act as the main contact for award notification. Specific contact information for the nominees may be solicited at a later date if needed.

Full Name: _____

Rank/Title: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please select the nomination category you believe best applies to the nominee.

The nomination award criteria can be referenced on the next page.

Citizen of the Year

School Bus Operator of the Year

Young Hero Award

Is there an agency case number associated with this nomination?

Yes

No

If you answered yes above, please provide the agency case number.

AWARD CRITERIA

Award	Criteria
Citizen of the Year Award	<p>1) The activity warranting nomination must have occurred in the State of Florida during the time period between January 1, 2025 and April 30, 2026.</p> <p>2) The activity must be determined to be exceptional, extraordinary, outstanding, or beyond the call of duty.</p> <p>3) Activity resulted in the prevention of an abduction or the recovery of a child or endangered person from a situation of imminent danger.</p> <p>*Sworn law enforcement may not qualify for this award UNLESS the activity is grossly outside their normal job activities and occurred while off-duty. For example, sworn jail personnel that prevented a child abduction at a bus stop may qualify.</p>
School Bus Operator of the Year Award	<p>1) The activity warranting nomination must have occurred in the State of Florida during the time period between January 1, 2025 and April 30, 2026.</p> <p>2) The activity must be determined to be exceptional, extraordinary, outstanding, or beyond the call of duty.</p> <p>3) Activity resulted in the prevention of a child or student abduction or the recovery of a child or student from a situation of imminent danger while the nominee was on duty as a school bus operator/driver.</p> <p>*Must be employed as a school bus driver. Any other type of bus driver would be assessed for Citizen of the Year award.</p>
Young Hero Award	<p>1) The activity warranting nomination must have occurred in the State of Florida during the time period between January 1, 2025 and April 30, 2026.</p> <p>2) The activity must be determined to be exceptional, extraordinary, outstanding, or beyond the call of duty.</p> <p>3) While they were a minor, the nominee's activity resulted in the prevention or escape from a situation of imminent danger typically related to a child abduction or recovery of a child (could be the prevention/escape of their own abduction).</p>

Nominee Information

Disclaimer: Florida Missing Children's Day is live streamed by the Florida Channel, winners that are undercover or that do not wish to have their information released may be unable to participate in the ceremony itself. Their awards will be distributed based on their agency's/organization's preference. Participation in the ceremony authorizes the use of the winner's name and image for publication. FDLE reserves the right to remove a nominee or winner from the selection process if any adverse information is obtained before award issuance on September 14, 2026.

Full Name: _____

Rank/Title: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Is the nominee a sworn officer?

Yes

No

Nomination Summary

Please provide detailed information concerning the case investigation or activity. Describe the role of the nominee(s) and specify the actions and activities that led to your nomination for this award. Include any additional information, like press clippings, arrest reports or news footage for our consideration. You may also include any additional cases the nominee(s) participated in during timeframe. You may attach additional pages.