

2025 - 2026 Florida Missing Children's Day Combatting Human Trafficking 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: _____

Are you nominating one nominee or a group that participated in the same activity?	One	Group
Is there an agency case number associated with this nomination?	Yes	No
If you answered yes above, please provide the agency case number.		

Award Information:

Florida’s Human Trafficking definition per Florida Statute (F.S) 787.06(2)(d): transporting, soliciting, recruiting, harboring, providing, enticing, maintaining, purchasing, patronizing, procuring, or obtaining another person for the purpose of exploitation of that person.

If you answer no to either of the questions below, please consider completing a different award nomination form.

You may use the multi-use nomination form to nominate citizens, criminal justice personnel, or other organization personnel for individual or group awards.

Was there force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor?	Yes	No
Did the suspect require money, labor, or services from others while exploiting the victim?	Yes	No

AWARD CRITERIA	
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Combatting Human Trafficking 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) Made outstanding contributions to the issue of human trafficking while positively affecting missing and endangered children, their families, and the safety of children OR demonstrate a profound contribution that established improvements in preventing child human trafficking victimization and/or safely recovering those who go missing and were victims of human trafficking.</p> <p>*Award may be given to sworn law enforcement, non-sworn criminal justice personnel, citizens, advocates, etc., and may also be given to individuals or teams.</p> <p><u>SWORN PERSONNEL MUST BE:</u> Employed in Florida, in good standing with their department, the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, and have no departmental charges against them.</p>

Nominee Information

Please attach multiple copies of this page with each nominee's information as needed.

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
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Is there any reason the nominee's information cannot be released (e.g., undercover)?	Yes	No
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Rank/Title: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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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.

Please describe any force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor and discuss any techniques the suspect used to instill fear into their victims. This may include keeping the victim under lock and key, isolating the victim, confiscating passports, IDs, or money, threatening victims or their families, threatening to report victims or their families to authorities (for crimes or deportation), other blackmailing techniques, or any other methods that may have led to the victim being trafficked.