



OJJDP
Office of Juvenile Justice and
Delinquency Prevention

National Missing Children's Day Awards

Each year in May, in observance of National Missing Children's Day, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), through its Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), hosts a commemoration to recognize the extraordinary efforts of individuals, organizations, and agencies that have made a significant contribution to protecting children between November 1, 2023 and October 31, 2024.

Processing of the award is as follows:

- All nominations **must be submitted by close of business on Friday, January 31, 2025**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Nominations will be acknowledged upon submission.
- OJJDP will identify a panel of peers to review the nominations and rank the nominees.
- OJJDP reserves the right not to make an award for any reason.
- Nominees are subject to a formal background check and final approval by OJJDP.
- Award winners will be notified by OJJDP, and the names will be announced by OJJDP in or around April 2025.
- OJJDP will send a formal announcement of the winners to all persons who made a nomination. It will be the responsibility of the nominators to notify their respective nominee, if he/she was not selected.
- The award will be presented in Washington, D.C. at the National Missing Children's Day Commemoration, which will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025.

Please direct all questions to the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College at 877-798-7682 or mc.day@fvtc.edu.

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OJJDP Administrator's Special Commendation Award

Guidelines

The award is intended to recognize an Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, ICAC member, State Clearinghouse Manager, or AMBER Alert Coordinator. *Please see specific nomination criteria listed below.*

- The exemplary actions for the award must have taken place between November 1, 2023, and October 31, 2024.
- The case(s) included in the nomination to highlight the exemplary actions of the individual(s) or agency must be resolved and cannot be pending trial.
- Incomplete submissions will not be accepted.
- OJJDP reserves the right not to make an award for any reason.
- Nominees must be United States citizens.
- Nominees are subject to a formal background check and final approval by OJJDP.
- All submitted materials become the property of OJJDP.

Nominee Criteria

- For an ICAC nomination, the nominee must be an ICAC Task Force, an ICAC affiliate agency, or an individual assigned to an ICAC Task Force or affiliate agency.
- For non-ICAC nominations, the individual must be a State Clearinghouse Manager or AMBER Alert Coordinator.
- The nominee shall have performed either an investigative activity deemed exceptional or beyond the call of duty or have made a significant contribution to protecting children.
- The nominee's contribution must have taken place between November 1, 2023, and October 31, 2024.

Nomination

Complete the [online nomination form](#), including a description of the action or contribution of the nominee(s) in 500 words or fewer. If more than one individual is being nominated, please submit contact information for all individuals and describe each person's role.

Contribution Summary

The summary must describe, in detail, each nominee's contribution, which may involve either an extraordinary investigation or a significant contribution to child safety. Where possible, list the specific outcomes of the activity—number of arrests, number of children rescued/ impacted, state/local impact of the activity, number of defendants, charges filed, trial outcome, etc. The description should include all relevant participating agencies, including any federal entities. The nominator may include links to additional materials within the application.

[Complete a nomination form today!](#)