



ASCCC Call for Nominations for the 2025-26 Exemplary Program Award

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) is excited to announce the call for nominations for the Exemplary Program Award. Sponsored annually by the Foundation for California Community Colleges, the Board of Governors established the Exemplary Program Award in 1991 to recognize outstanding community college programs.

The California Community College system is the largest public higher education system in the country, enrolling almost two (2) million students. The theme for the 2025-26 Exemplary Program Award is: ***Voices Of Resilience: Highlighting Programs That Uplift Student Voices and Create Space for Lived Experiences in Education.***

Strong nominees will demonstrate how their program (instructional and/or student support) could serve as a sustainable and comprehensive model for other colleges in supporting and uplifting student voices including:

- Prioritizing and amplifying student voices including historically marginalized populations such as DACA, First-Generation and LGBTQIA students
- Creating space for students to share their lived experiences
- Uplifting student narratives and perspectives incorporated into learning environments, policies, or decision-making
- Documenting improvements in student engagement, well-being, academic performance, or leadership development
- Innovating methods or creative strategies to uplift student voices

Basic Information

- Award theme: ***Voices of Resilience: Highlighting Programs That Uplift Student Voices and Create Space for Lived Experiences in Education***
- Each college or district may nominate one (1) program



- Up to two (2) California community college programs will receive cash awards of \$4,000
- Up to four (4) California community college programs will receive honorable mention plaques

Completed applications must be received by the ASCCC office by 11:59 pm on November 9, 2025.

Applications must be submitted via the online [ASCCC Exemplary Program Judgify](#) application along with a copy of the Signatures Page and supporting letter. You will receive a notification via the [online portal](#) once your application has been received.

Exemplary Program Award recipients are selected from throughout the state, with no more than two (2) from any single ASCCC area. Recipients will be notified when the selection process is completed. A minimum of three (3) nominations statewide must be received for the selection process to proceed. The selection committee will complete the review process by early December. Winners of this prestigious award will be honored at the January 2026 Board of Governors meeting.

In addition to your submission, we invite you to submit a one-slide summary of the program/person your college is nominating that highlights their accomplishments, work, and background. The submitted slides will be part of a slideshow celebration of all our amazing nominees during Spring 2026 Plenary Session. The inclusion of a slide is optional and has no weight on award selection. Please submit slides in .pptx format or as a link to a SharePoint PowerPoint presentation. Please do not submit in a PDF format for accessibility reasons. Please contact the ASCCC office with any questions.