

Awards Nomination FAQ's

1. WHAT AWARDS SHOULD I NOMINATE FOR?

You may nominate for any or all of the awards. We encourage EVERY association to nominate for as many awards as you can. Whether you think your nominees will win or not, it's an honor to be nominated and we do our best to highlight all of our nominees!

2. WHAT DATES DO I NEED TO BE AWARE OF?

- **Firm deadline to nominate is midnight, March 1, 2026.**
- **IMPORTANT:** Please do not wait until the day of deadline to start gathering info for your nomination forms as nominating requires a little fact-gathering. Waiting until the deadline to start the process ensures you will probably not have the best information and would be unfair to your nominee. Please try to ensure you have all of the required information for the form BEFORE filling them out.
- WR's Awards Task Force judge the awards early March 2026. We'll notify you if your nominee is a finalist or if they have been selected to receive an award after the Task Force is finished in mid-March.
- The nominees, finalists, and winners will be acknowledged at the Spring Business Conference at the Tulalip Resort & Casino at the lunch ceremony on Wednesday, April 15th, 2026.

3. HOW DO I GET STATE COMMITTEE DATA?

Please reach out to taylor.duncan@warealtor.org if you need any state committee data for your nominee from the WR database. Send her the list of your nominees and we will pull any data we have for you to use in your nomination form.

4. DO I NEED TO KEEP THE AWARDS NOMINATIONS A SURPRISE?

That is your decision. However, to create the best nomination form possible, feel free to work with your nominee to obtain information to use in the form. Some like to keep the nomination a secret, but we encourage you to fill out the forms as best as you can in order to compete with other nominees. To do this, you may need to work with your nominee. We do ask that if your nominee is selected as a winner, that you (and the nominee) not publish it anywhere until AFTER the ceremony in April.

5. HOW DO I SELECT PEOPLE TO NOMINATE?

Some associations nominate their own local award winners for the state awards. Other associations use their own awards committees to help pick nominees for the WR awards. Yet other association execs will pick and choose at their discretion. It's up to you and what works best for your own association dynamic.

The REALTOR® of the Year award is the only exception; the nominees for this award must be the latest REALTOR® of the Year winner for your local association.

6. HOW DOES WR JUDGE THE NOMINEES?

Linked Here is a blank copy of the Excel spreadsheet that shows how our judges review and score the nominations received. This may help you visualize the importance of fully answering certain questions on the forms in a way that makes your nominee shine. You may notice that the Education award and the YPN REALTOR® to Watch award are not listed in the spreadsheet. We collect those awards and distribute them to the Education and YPN Committees to judge separately.

7. IF MY NOMINEE IS SELECTED TO RECEIVE AN AWARD, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

WR will notify you if your nominee is chosen as a finalist or an award winner mid-March. We understand that it can be tricky to get some winners to the ceremony without telling them that they're receiving the award if they don't normally attend the conference. So, we leave it up to you if you'd like to spill the beans.

- Option 1 – Keep it a Surprise: Tell your winner that they are a “Top 3 Finalist” and ask them to attend the luncheon at the Spring Business Conference.
- Option 2 – Fess Up to Get Them There: If you don't think your winner will attend the luncheon otherwise, you can tell your winner that they are receiving the award. Please ask them to not publicize that information until after the ceremony.

If they are not already attending the conference, WR will comp the luncheon tickets for your finalists, winners and their guests. We'll reach out to you with information required, which will include confirmation of name/spelling/pronunciation, meal selections, and guest attendance/meal selection.

8. CAN WR KEEP MY NOMINATIONS SECRET?

Yes! Some associations don't host their own awards until the spring. WR usually posts all of our nominees on our website and social media in advance of the April ceremony. However, if your nominee hasn't received their local award yet and you'd like us to keep it a secret, we're happy to do that. Please note this when filling out the nomination form.

9. WHO DO I REACH OUT TO IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

We are here to help! Please feel free to forward any questions to Whitney Chiang at whitney.chiang@warealtor.org or 360.943.3100 x 126.