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TO: Presidents and Chancellors

FROM: Dr. Steven Gentile

SUBJECT: 2026 Harold Love Outstanding Community Service Awards

DATE: February 16, 2026

We are pleased to begin accepting nominations for the 2026 Harold Love Outstanding Community Service Award, a program administered annually by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission that recognizes dedicated public service by individuals in postsecondary education. As in years past, five students and five faculty/staff members from Tennessee institutions of higher education will be selected by a representative task force to receive a \$1,000 honorarium in recognition of their service.

Nominees must be currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate students, or faculty/staff at a Tennessee public or private, two-year or four-year higher education institution. In addition to supporting documentation, each nomination must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the institution president.

Attached are additional details regarding the award and nomination process. Nominations must be received no later than **Monday, March 16, 2026.**

Attachment



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Harold Love Outstanding Community Service Awards 2026 Nomination Information

For full consideration, each nomination must include:

1. Two (2) letters of recommendation – one (1) from the President/Chancellor of the institution and one (1) from a community member not related to the nominee.
2. Evidence of impact – select ONE (1) of the following, including but not limited to a news article, press release, news media (video) clip, program brochure, or program website URL. *Please note that due to the number of nominations received, additional documents will not be evaluated.*
3. A short biographical sketch and high-resolution head shot of the nominee.

All nominations should be submitted online:

https://stateoftennessee.formstack.com/forms/love_awards

on or before **Monday, March 16, 2026 by 4:30 p.m. CDT.**

Incomplete or late nominations will not be considered.

Award recipients and their institutions will be notified in April. Further questions about the nomination process may be directed to Dr. Brittany Mosby (Brittany.Mosby@tn.gov).