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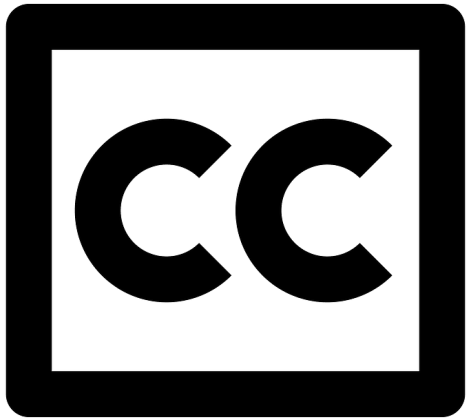
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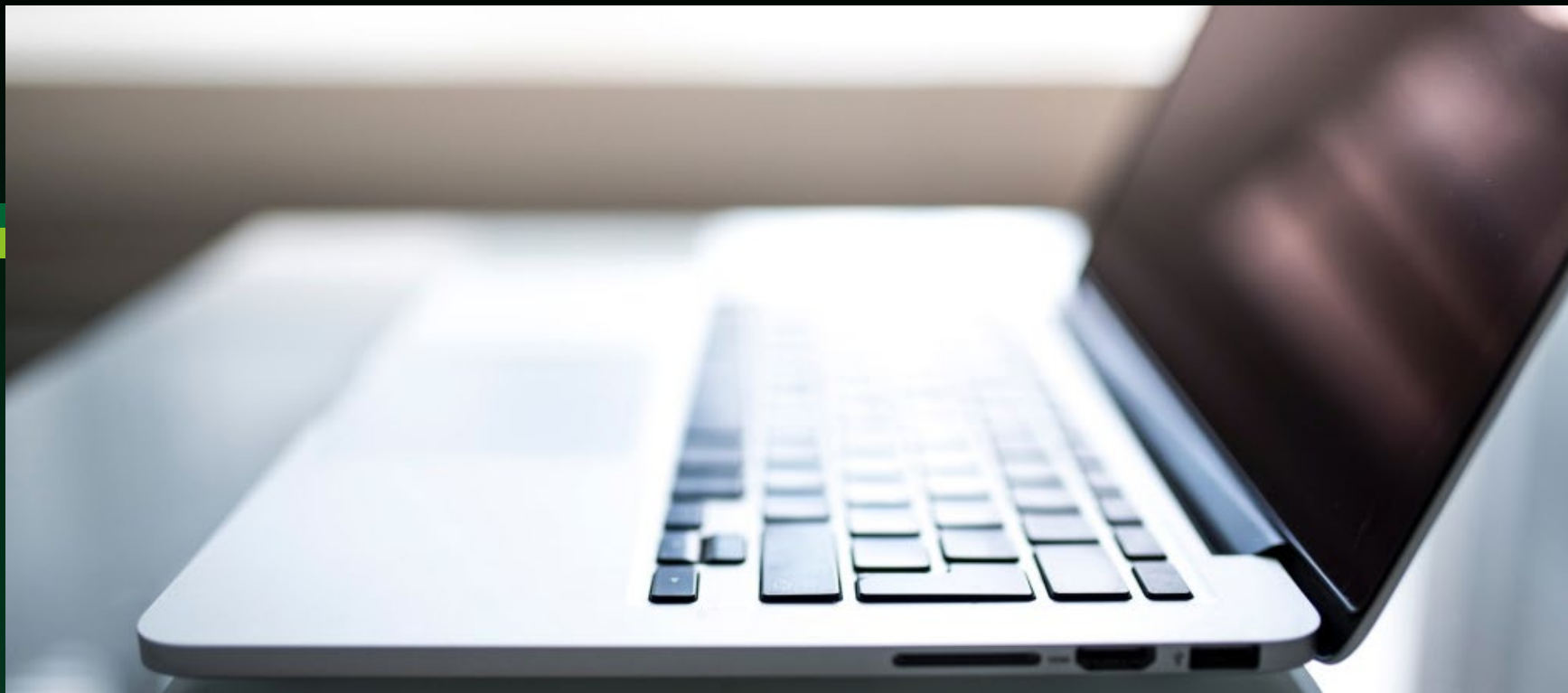


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We welcome your questions and feedback



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Submitting an ASSP Safety Professional of the Year Award Petition

What is the Society Safety Professional of the Year?

The Society Safety Professional of the Year Award is presented annually to an ASSP member who demonstrates outstanding achievement in the occupational safety and health (OSH) field while also advancing the OSH profession overall..

Other Safety Professional of the Year Awards

- ❖ Chapter Safety Professional of the Year
- ❖ Region Safety Professional of the Year
- ❖ Common Interest Group Safety Professional of the Year
- ❖ Practice Specialty Safety Professional of the Year
- ❖ Council on Community Operations Safety Professional of the Year

Only one Society Safety Professional of the Year is recognized each year.



Three Roles



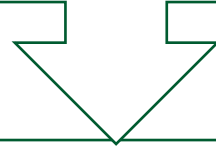
Nominee

Criteria for Nomination

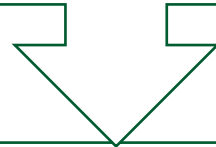
- Member in good standing
- Made contributions to ASSP and EHS profession
- Adheres to ASSP Code of Professional Conduct

You can be nominated by the following

An active dues-paying member in good standing of the Society with knowledge of the nominee's achievements.



Society entity such as a council, region, common interest group, practice specialty or chapter.



New for 2026

Please note that members ***may not*** nominate themselves for this award.

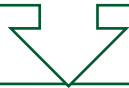


Nominees Role and Responsibilities

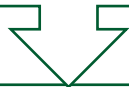
Provide an up-to-date resume/summary of their professional background



Obtain letters of endorsement from your employer or client, an ASSP region, practice specialty, common interest group or chapter as appropriate



Make a personal statement, which can be written or video taped, of their view of the practice of safety, stewardship, and their future vision of both



Work with the petition coordinator to compile the Nominee Achievement Form



Verify that all information in the final petition is accurate and complete



Petition Coordinator Role & Responsibilities

- Add collaborators to the online portal to submit petition materials
- Confirm collection of all materials
 - Employer information
 - Employer Endorsement Form
 - Written job description on organizational letterhead
 - Organization chart or statement to illustrate endorsers relationship to nominee
 - Nominee's biographical & support documents
 - Brief resume
 - Nominee Achievement Form covering the last five ASSP program years
 - Letters of Endorsement
- Review all materials in Submittable for accuracy & completeness
- Provide optional additional statement to the review committee
- Ensure submission of the completed petition in Submittable no later than November 1st, 2026

Nominator Role and Responsibilities

An ASSP member or Society entity such as a council, region, common interest group, practice specialty or chapter may submit petitions on behalf of the nominee.

The nominator may also serve as the petition coordinator.

The role of the nominator is to complete the Nomination Form and provide a letter of endorsement.

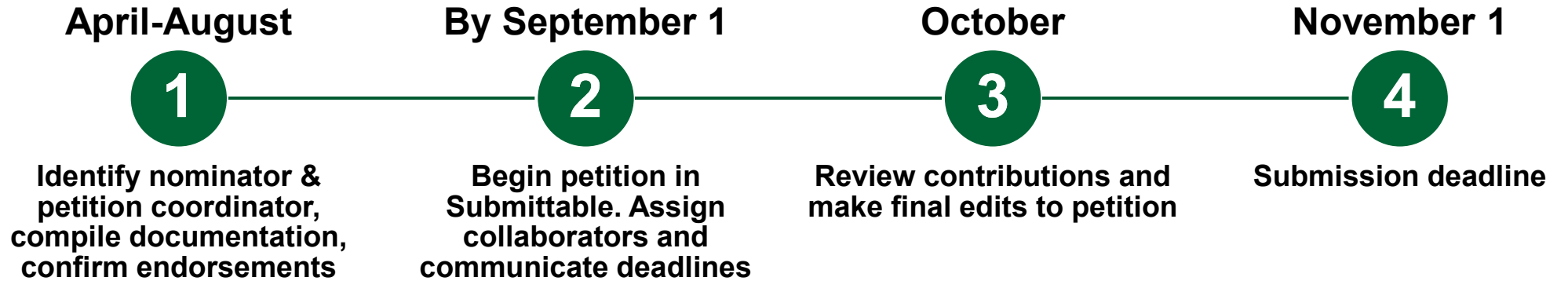
Submit recent letters of endorsement rather than using endorsement letters used in a prior petition or award submission.

The *'Guide to Compiling a Petition for the American Society of Safety Professionals Safety Professional of the Year Award'* can also be found on the ASSP website and outlines the SPY process



Sample Submission Timeline

Petition Team



Staff/Committee



Submittable Demo



2027 ASSP Safety Professional of the Year Nomination

Ends on Sun, Nov 1, 2026 11:59 PM

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Eligibility requirements encompass an individual member's:

- Expertise
- Industry and ASSP involvement
- Previous awards
- Leadership
- Endorsements

An ASSP member or entity such as a council, region, common interest group, practice specialty or chapter may submit petitions on behalf of the nominee. Members may also nominate themselves for this award.

Thank you for your interest in nominating an OSH professional for the ASSP Safety Professional of the Year.

Nominees must be a member of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) in good standing.

Nominators must be a member of ASSP in good standing or an ASSP entity (council, region, chapter, common interest group or practice specialty).

☐ Yes, the nominee is an ASSP member in good standing.

☐ Yes, the nominator is a member of ASSP in good standing or an ASSP entity.

Next

Eligibility Form

- First step in Submittable



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 [Manage Collaborators](#)

Instructions

Thank you for nominating an OSH professional for the ASSP Safety Professional of the Year Award.

You can invite collaborators to participate in completing this nomination by clicking "Manage Collaborators" in the top right of this form.

Steps:

1. Complete and submit this form.
2. Based on your responses, you will receive a emails to access and complete additional forms. These forms will include endorsement forms which must be completed by the appropriate person (employer, ASSP member, ASSP volunteer leader, clients) as well as the Nominee Achievement Form.
3. Work with the nominee and any other collaborators to ensure information is correct and complete. You can save an in-progress form to continue working until you are ready to submit.
4. Your submission is not complete until all forms have been submitted.
5. **The final deadline for submission is November 1, 2026.**

For assistance with this form or other questions related to the ASSP Safety Professional of the Year Award, please contact awards@assp.org.

Nomination Form

- Provides details on nominee, petition coordinator, and nominator
- Upload resume & written or video personal statement
- Identify endorsements



ACTIVITY
MESSAGES
FORMS
NOTE
AWARDS & PAYMENTS

Eligibility Form

ASSP Safety Professional of the Year Eligibility
Submitted on July 21, 2026

Initial Form: American Society of Safety Professionals

2027 ASSP Safety Professional of the Year Nomination
Submitted on July 21, 2026

Additional Forms

SPY: ASSP Member Endorsement Form
Pending Deadline: Nov 1, 2026 12:00 AM CDT (in 3 months)

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SPY: Chapter Endorsement Form
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SPY: Common Interest Group Endorsement Form
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SPY: Council Endorsement Form
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SPY: Employer Endorsement Form
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American Society of Safety Professionals Safety Professional of the Year Petition

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This form is to be filled out by the an ASSP member in good standing to be included in the individual's petition package.

Additional Forms

- Nominee Achievement Form
- Endorsement Forms
- Ability to invite collaborators



Name *(required)*

Title *(required)*

Phone *(required)*



Email *(required)*

Length of professional relationship with nominee *(required)*

Nominee Endorsement

Please concisely and specifically describe the scope and quality of the nominee's safety- and/or Society-related duties, achievements and activities of which you have personal knowledge. *(required)*

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Limit: 1000 words

Endorsement Forms

- Completed by nominator, employer (or client), and ASSP members/ entities supporting nomination



Tips

Petition Support

Evaluate your petition objectively using the examples provided in the petition process guide.
Quantify the impact the nominee's achievements had for their employer, the Society, and/or their community.
Obtain specific, concise, and updated reference/endorsement letters.
Have someone proof your petition prior to submission
Follow the required format via Submittable

Timeline

Allow yourself plenty of time to complete the petition - general recommended timeline for completion is about 6 months.
Don't rush! You can always submit the following year.
Remember petitions are due on November 1st.

Questions

If you have questions, contact the ASSP Awards Staff.
Reach out and ask questions of those that have been through the process from both sides, building of petitions and evaluation.
Members of the TPRC are not allowed to provide support



Resources

ASSP [Website](#)

- Documents and Forms
 - Guide to Compiling an ASSP Safety Professional of the Year Petition
- Tools
 - Career Accomplishments Tracking Document

Contact/Questions
Awards@assp.org



Questions for the 2024 Society Safety Professional of the Year



Questions from the Audience



Thank you.

