



2026 GARY W. DAVIS ETHICAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

*The Illinois Community College Trustees Association's **GARY W. DAVIS ETHICAL LEADERSHIP AWARD** honors individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the pursuit and support of ethical leadership and decision-making in their fields of work and volunteer service.*

Established in 2004, the award recognizes the importance of fostering ethical values systems both within the Illinois community college system and in the larger communities they serve. Special consideration will be given to those nominees whose ethical leadership has positively impacted community colleges or educational access in a local, national or global way.

AWARD GUIDELINES

Each nomination for the ICCTA Gary W. Davis Ethical Leadership Award will be reviewed according to the following criteria:

- How has the nominee fostered the following ethical values in their professional activities: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, compassion, citizenship?
- How has the nominee utilized these ethical values in guiding their decision-making behavior?
- How has the nominee served as an advocate for these ethical values outside their field of employment?
- How has the nominee positively impacted community colleges or educational access in a local, national or global way?

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Nominations for the ICCTA Gary W. Davis Ethical Leadership Award must be submitted by the board of trustees of an ICCTA member college. Each ICCTA member college is eligible to nominate one individual per year. **Posthumous nominations are not eligible for submission.**

In order for a nomination to be considered, all of the following items must be included in the nomination packet.

The total length must not exceed six (6) one-sided pages:

- Letter of support from the college board of trustees
- Responses to each of the above award criteria question
- Letter of acknowledgment from the nominee
- Optional supplemental materials (i.e., resumé, news articles, brochures, photos)

In addition, the nomination must include a narrative statement (not to exceed 150 words) that explains the nominee's qualifications and is suitable for use in ICCTA publicity materials. *The narrative statement is not included in the 6-page nomination packet, but it is required for a nomination to be considered.*

★ Failure to follow these guidelines may result in the disqualification of a nomination ★

PROGRAM DEADLINES

All nomination materials must be received **BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026. THIS DEADLINE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** All award nominees will be invited to attend ICCTA's June 5, 2026 awards banquet in Lombard, where the statewide winner will be announced.

All nominations and support materials should be sent to the **Illinois Community College Trustees Association, 401 E. Capitol, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701-1711.** For more information, please contact Veronica Brown at vbrown@communitycolleges.org or 1-800-454-2282.



2026 Gary W. Davis Ethical Leadership Award Nomination Form

Name of award nominee _____
Pronunciation of nominee's name _____
Community college _____
Nominee's mailing address _____
Telephone # _____ E-mail address _____

Name of nominator _____
Community college _____
Title/position _____
Nominator's mailing address _____
Telephone # _____ E-mail address _____

To ensure that your awards nomination is processed without delay, please check off the following items before submitting this information:

Nominations Packet -- **NO MORE THAN SIX (6) SINGLE-SIDED PAGES TOTAL** may be submitted:

- ☐ Letter of support from the college board of trustees
- ☐ Responses to each award criteria question
- ☐ Letter of acknowledgment from the nominee
- ☐ Optional supplemental materials (i.e., resumé, news articles, brochures, photos)

Also required for consideration (but not included in the 6-page limit):

- ☐ Narrative statement of no more than 150 words
- ☐ Completed nomination form

This nomination form and supporting materials must be received by **5 PM, Friday, February 27, 2026**, at the:

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