



2026 RAY HARTSTEIN TRUSTEE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Illinois Community College Trustees Association's RAY HARTSTEIN TRUSTEE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD recognizes exemplary service by a currently serving community college board member.

AWARD CRITERIA

Each nomination for the ICCTA Ray Hartstein Trustee Achievement Award will be reviewed according to the following criteria:

- Has the trustee served as an officer of the college's board of trustees?
- In addition to service on the board of trustees, in what capacity has the trustee participated in community life (i.e., civic clubs, public office, etc.)?
- What has the trustee initiated or helped to develop in the area of innovative programs used in two-year postsecondary education?
- Has the trustee served on technical or special committees serving two-year postsecondary education?
- How has the trustee been a factor in influencing legislation for two-year postsecondary institutions, and how has the trustee been active in communication and advocacy with state and national legislators?
- What has the trustee contributed overall to the two-year postsecondary concept, and how did this affect the college's total impact on the community, state or nation?
- How has the trustee provided leadership in helping to solve challenges to two-year postsecondary education?
- How has the trustee been active in developing, organizing, or supporting state two-year postsecondary associations, and what kind of leadership role has the trustee played in state, regional or national postsecondary associations?
- Has the trustee given presentations or published articles on two-year postsecondary education?

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Any currently serving trustee of an ICCTA member college is eligible to receive this award. 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) single-sided pages:**

- Letter of support from the college board of trustees
- Responses to each of the above award criteria questions
- 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 will result in the disqualification of a nomination ★

Because of the names of many deserving nominees are received each year, boards of trustees are encouraged to **re-submit** the names and qualifications of former nominees for consideration.

PROGRAM DEADLINES

All nominations must be received **BY 5 PM, 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 Ray Hartstein Trustee Achievement 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
- ☐ 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:

Illinois Community College Trustees Association
401 E. Capitol, Suite 200
Springfield, IL 62701-1711
E-MAIL: vbrown@communitycolleges.org

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