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| This document is provided to potential applicants for informational purposes only and should not be submitted as a nomination for the 2026 Sleep Champion Award. Applications will only be accepted through the [AASM Foundation Grant Online Portal.](https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=aasmf) Please refer to the [AASM Foundation Application User Guide](https://foundation.aasm.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/06/AASM-Foundation-Application-User-Guide.pdf) for guidance on setting up an account. |

**2026 Sleep Champion Award**

The AASM Foundation is investing in people, research, and communities to improve the sleep health of all people. Our purpose is embodied by organizations that are at the forefront of providing important sleep services, spearheading sleep initiatives, engaging the sleep community, and/or leading sleep advocacy efforts to create change while promoting healthy sleep.

The Sleep Champion Award was created in 2019 to honor non-profit organizations that are leading such endeavors locally, nationally, or worldwide. The Sleep Champion Award celebrates successful community-based sleep health services and education provided by non-profit organizations.

Individuals or organizations submitting nominations must meet the following eligibility criteria:

**Eligibility**

* Non-profit organizations may self-nominate and/or individuals who have experience volunteering with the non-profit organization may nominate.
* Only US and international non-profit organizations (501(c)3 or international equivalent) are eligible to be nominated.
* International organizations that meet all the eligibility criteria and can accept the payment of grant funds in U.S. dollars are eligible to apply.

**Ineligibility**

* Current AASM Foundation Board of Directors members are not eligible to nominate organizations.
* Previous recipients of the Sleep Champion Award are not eligible.
* Organizations located in, or operating from, countries subject to U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctions are not eligible to receive AASM Foundation funding.

**Nominations are due on November 10, 2025 by 11:59 pm ET and selection decisions will be made no later than February 27, 2026.**

We encourage potential applicants to view our [Frequently Asked Questions](https://foundation.aasm.org/award-programs/faq/) and contact us early in the application process with questions. Eligibility questions may need to be reviewed by a member of the AASM Foundation Executive Committee, so please allow for at least a 1-week response time for eligibility questions. For all other inquiries, please allow a minimum of two business days for a response. Please note that inquiries submitted two business days prior to an application deadline may not be answered in time.

*Please note this application CANNOT be modified once submitted. Please review your work carefully prior to submitting. Once submitted, it will be reviewed by staff for completeness. The AASM Foundation reserves the right to make the appropriate determination for incomplete applications.*

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| **Nominee Organization** |

Are you nominating an organization for which you are also the primary contact (i.e., self-nominating)?

* Yes
* No

Nominee Organization Name\* [text field]

Nominee Organization Website\*

**Nominee Organization Primary Contact**

First Name\*

Last Name\*

Degree/Credentials\*

Preferred Pronouns

Email\*

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| **Primary Nominating Individual’s Contact Information** |

First Name\*

Last Name\*

Degree/Credentials\*

Preferred Pronouns

Email\*

Institution/Organization\*

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| **Nomination Letter(s)** |

*Nomination letters must be submitted through the online portal. If providing multiple nomination letters, please upload them as one combined document. Letters provided by any other method (e.g. e-mail) will not be accepted.*

The nomination letter(s) must include the following:

* A summary of how the non-profit organization's program and/or initiatives are aligned with the AASM Foundation's purpose.
* Examples that depict how the non-profit organization’s programs and/or initiatives are leveraging best-in-class care and/or education to improve sleep health that should be celebrated and replicated by other community-based programs.

Formatting Requirements:

* + Up to 2 pages of narrative and content
  + Times New Roman 11 pt or 12 pt font required with all margins no less than .50 inches.
  + File Format: Word or PDF