



The Department for Child Protection (DCP) and the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) are inviting nominations for the 2026 South Australian Child Protection & Family Support Awards (the Awards).

A person who submits a nomination (nominator) for an individual, group or organisation (nominee) is deemed to have agreed to the terms and conditions outlined below. If a nominator or nominee fails to accept these terms and conditions or fails to comply with the screening process, that nomination will be ineligible to be considered for the Awards.

## PRIVACY NOTICE

Personal information is collected from the nominations for the purpose of selecting award winners. The information will be reviewed by the 2026 South Australian Child Protection & Family Support Awards Selection Committee (Selection Committee).

Nominations, including the nominee's contact details, may also be provided to the DCP Strategic Communications team. Consent for media and promotion will be requested during the nomination process.

If an individual is nominating a person other than themselves, they must obtain the nominee's informed consent to provide personal information to the Selection Committee prior to submitting the nomination. Failure to obtain a nominee's consent may result in the nomination being ineligible. All nominations will automatically be sent to the nominee for consent and approval once completed.

Anonymous nominations will automatically be deemed ineligible.

Finalists who accept the nomination may be asked to consent to a criminal history check, provide evidence of a current valid Working with Children Check, and any additional checks deemed as appropriate. At the time of being notified as a finalist, the nominee will be required to provide their date of birth and residential address to facilitate required checks.

By submitting a self-nomination, it is agreed that any personal information can be used in accordance with the above. By submitting a nomination for another person, it is agreed that appropriate consent has been obtained from the individual, group or organisation being nominated for their personal information to be used in accordance with the above.

The information collected for the purpose of the Awards will be managed in accordance with the Government of South Australia's Information Privacy Principles (IPPs).

## NOMINATION PROCESS

In all award categories, the child protection and family support services informing nominations must have occurred in South Australia.

Individuals cannot be nominated in the same category they were the winner of for any previous year's Awards.

For submission of multiple nominations, a separate nomination form must be completed for each.

The Selection Committee assessment will focus on the information provided in the nomination form.

Nominations close on 31 July. Unfortunately, nominations received after this time are not able to be considered by the Awards Selection Committee.

Following submission, both the nominator and the nominee will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of the nomination.

DCP staff may be in contact with either the nominator or nominee/s regarding a nomination if any further information or clarification is required.

## SELECTION PROCESS

The Awards Selection Committee will assess nominations and determine finalists and Award winners. All shortlisted nominations will undergo due diligence checks conducted by DCP.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to:

- Not present an Award in a category where there are no suitable nominations.
- Change the Awards category under which the nomination is being considered, if it is deemed to be more aligned to another category.
- Revoke a nomination if mandatory requirements are not met.
- Withdraw a nomination where the nominator has not obtained relevant consent.
- Prohibit a nomination based on the outcome of the due diligence check.
- Withdraw a nomination if events occur after lodgement that make the nomination ineligible.
- Withdraw a nomination if the child protection and family support services informing the nomination have occurred outside of South Australia.
- Finalists will be asked to participate in the recording of a video, which highlights and celebrates their achievements. Award winners' videos will be played at the Awards ceremony and all recorded videos may be shown on relevant social media channels.

## AWARDS PRESENTATION AND CEREMONY

The Awards ceremony will be held on Friday 9 October 2026, where the winners will be announced and presented with their Award.

Finalists will be invited to attend the Awards ceremony and a single event ticket will be provided to them. In the case of a dual nomination (carers), two tickets will be provided.

Award finalists under 18 years of age will automatically receive an additional complimentary ticket as they will be required to be accompanied by either their nominator, a carer or legal guardian.

Team, group or organisation Award finalists will receive a single ticket to the Awards ceremony, which will be communicated to the contact provided by the nominator at the time of submission. Members of the team, group or organisation are encouraged to purchase additional tickets or a group table to attend the Awards ceremony.

All travel costs or other related costs associated with an Award finalist, their nominator, a carer or legal guardian (if applicable) attending the Awards ceremony are the responsibility of the attendee and not DCP.

All attendees, Award winners and finalists may be filmed and photographed at the event and be asked to be a part of the Awards promotion. Should Award winners or finalists not want their images used for these purposes, they should discuss this with the Awards team.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact the Awards project team at **dcp.events@sa.gov.au** for any queries.

For more information, visit the 2026 South Australian Child Protection & Family Support Awards page on the DCP website: **childprotection.sa.gov.au/awards**.