



2016 ANNUAL AWARDS

NOMINATIONS FORM

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Deadline for Submissions: April 15, 2016

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To recognize and honor exceptional immigrant individuals who have chosen to make this country their home and who have demonstrated leadership in business, a chosen profession or in the civic arena, **Cowles & Thompson, PC**, is now accepting nominations for our annual **Immigrant Journey Awards**, honoring outstanding immigrant trailblazers.

The goal of the 2016 Annual Immigrant Journey Awards Program is to celebrate Immigrant Heritage Month and immigrants whose achievements will serve as a role model and an inspiration to all who reside in DFW, regardless of their land of birth.

Past honorees have emigrated from India, China, Mexico, Nigeria, Columbia, Sierra Leone, Jamaica, Taiwan, El Salvador, and Honduras and have been recognized for their significant achievements in business, education, medicine, athletics, community service, and politics.

Award winners will be announced and honored at the Immigrant Journey Awards Luncheon held as part of the Immigrant Journey Summit on Friday, June 10, 2016 in Dallas, Texas. Award finalists will be notified by May 1, 2016 and expected to attend the luncheon.

You are cordially invited to submit nominations in one or more of the following categories:

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| Immigrant Entrepreneur | In recognition of an immigrant business owner who has founded a highly successful business in North Texas and who serves as a model and inspiration of success. |
| Immigrant Professional Excellence | In recognition of an immigrant who has demonstrated significant professional achievements in their field and whose advancements in their field have a positive impact their profession or community. |
| Immigrant Spirit | In recognition of an immigrant civic leader or elected official who has contributed substantially to the community or the region. |
| Immigrant Advocate | In recognition of an individual or organization making positive impact on the lives of immigrants, as an advocate. Nominee may be an individual, an organization, a business, a governmental or community entity, or a non-profit organization. |

Please complete the nomination form to nominate your candidate(s).

Nominees must be U.S. permanent residents or citizens. Completed nominations may be delivered, overnight delivery, mailed, emailed as a PDF or faxed, as a full package (please do not have any items sent separately), to:

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Proceeds of the Immigrant Journey Summit and Awards Luncheon will go toward the **American Dream Scholarship Fund**, awarding scholarships to DFW-area high school students who are American immigrants or first generation American .

We look forward to your nominations!



We welcome your nominations of individuals whose accomplishments meet the criteria of The Immigrant Journey Awards. The nomination deadline is **Monday, April 15, 2016.**

CANDIDATE DETAILS

Name of Nominee: _____
Position: _____
Employer/Affiliation: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____
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AWARD CATEGORY

Please check one or more categories as applicable.

- Immigrant Entrepreneur
- Immigrant Professional Excellence
- Immigrant Spirit
- Immigrant Advocate

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Along with this application, please submit the following for the nominee:

- A brief biography or history of the nominee (1 page maximum)
- A description of the nominee's achievements and their importance
- Optional: One or more letters of support that are specific to the category criteria
- Optional: Other information that supports the nomination
- A current photograph (high res – 600 dpi) – please email

No more than 10 pages of supplementary material may be submitted along with this nomination. Accompanying materials may include items such as letters, testimonials, news clippings, and pamphlets; however, please do not submit discs, tapes, display materials, films, scrapbooks, or books, as they will not be reviewed when judging the nominees. All materials submitted become the property of the Immigrant Journey Awards and will not be returned, unless specifically requested. When preparing the submission, please keep the number of materials to a minimum and be sure to submit items that reproduce clearly.

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PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Immigrant Entrepreneur Award

- 2011 Jose Fuentes and Gloria Rubio, Gloria's Restaurant
Baku Kshatriya, ECOM Consulting
Syed Abbas , CEO2Cimple, Inc. (Honorable Mention)
- 2012 Sante Chary, US Physician Resources
Fernando Andrade, GSR Andrade Architects, Inc.
- 2013 Adil Adj, Worldlink, Inc.
Dr. Walter Chiang, CP&Y, Inc.
- 2015 Anh Vo, Cindi's New York Delicatessen Restaurant and Bakery,
Azam and Claudia Mirza, Akorbi Int'l

Immigrant Professional Excellence Award

- 2011 Muthu Mudaliar, MS, MBA, RFE
Oscar Pareja, Coach and Director of Player Development, FC Dallas
Edward Okpa, CEO, The Okpa Company (Honorable Mention)
- 2012 Joyce Brown, founder and CEO, EFW Montessori School Inc.
Dr. Olubayo A. Idowu, M.D. FACP
- 2013 Elizabeth Hernandez Sosa, Borden Dairy Co.
Hector Molina, Kpost Company
Florencia Velasco Fortner, The Concilio
- 2015 Dr. Dilshad Dayani, World Women Global Council
Patricia Moore, Sentrum International Corporation

Immigrant Advocate Award

- 2011 Raul Mateo Magdaleno
Krio Descendents Union of Texas (Honorable Mention)
- 2012 Mosaic Family Services
- 2013 Hsa Hsing Chinese School
- 2015 Nagla Moussa, National Autism Association of North Texas

Immigrant Spirit Award

- 2011 Joe Chow, former Mayor of Addison, Texas
- 2012 Dr. Elba Garcia, Dallas County Commissioner, District 4
- 2013 Peter Burns, The Mindbender Academy
- 2015 Mauricio Dominguez, Dallas Independent School District