

## Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Survivors Awards

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**Due Date:** February 9, 2024

### Award Significance:

The mission of the Victims Compensation Program is to ease the financial burden of crime so claimants can focus on healing from the trauma experienced as a result of their victimization and/or the victimization of a loved one.

The intent of the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Survivors Award is to recognize survivors who 1) have utilized the benefits of the Victims Compensation Program and 2) who have exhibited exceptional perseverance and resiliency in overcoming challenges associated with their victimization. A promising nominee for this award may have also participated in relevant community engagement to educate and empower other victims of violent crime or led advocacy efforts to prevent further victimization.

CJCC will honor the awardees during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 21-April 27, 2024.

### Eligibility Requirements:

Carefully review the following requirements to determine whether the individual you wish to nominate is eligible for an award. To be eligible for the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Survivors Awards, a nominee must:

- Have been a Victims Compensation Program claimant
- Be willing to accept (or have someone available to accept on their behalf) an award at one of the NCVRW ceremonies during the week of April 21<sup>st</sup>. **Note:** *Nominees who are not selected, but are eligible, may be asked if they are comfortable with a spotlight acknowledgement if the opportunity presents itself in the future. Willingness or unwillingness to do so is not a requirement for the nomination.*

The nominee should also meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Exhibit perseverance and resiliency in overcoming challenges associated with their victimization;
- Actively participate in community engagement to educate and empower victims of violent crime; and/or
- Lead advocacy efforts to prevent further victimization.

### Nominator Guidelines:

1. **Essential information.** Each submission must include the nominee's full name and email address. An email notification will be sent to nominees so that they can complete any additional information needed as part of the submission.

*Please note: We understand the importance of privacy. As such, nominators are strongly encouraged to contact potential nominees prior to name submission to ensure that they would be comfortable accepting an award in a public forum.*

2. **Nomination letter.** Each nomination must be accompanied by a letter that addresses the eligibility criteria described above. Your nomination letter should include your title, affiliation, and mailing and email addresses. No anonymous nominations will be accepted.
  - Use the letter to provide a complete picture of the nominee's accomplishments. Assume that the selection committee is completely unfamiliar with the nominee's work. *Note: As stated above, nominators should obtain permission from the nominee of information to be provided before submission and should only share details to the extent that the nominee is comfortable. Details of the victimization and personal information are not required for consideration.*
  - Include specific examples that address what the nominee has achieved, how the nominee has accomplished these achievements and how the nominee's achievements have made an impact.
  - Write clearly and directly and include pertinent details without providing extraneous or unrelated information.
  - Ensure that all information submitted is accurate.

**Note:** You may nominate one or more survivors.

For consideration, nominations must be submitted by 5:00 PM on Friday, February 9, 2024.

**Please direct your questions to:**

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