

PIONEER AWARD

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS—2026



The North Carolina Coalition on Aging established the Pioneer Award to recognize individuals who have made long-time outstanding contributions to the field of aging in North Carolina. The Award not only honors recipients for their meritorious service, but a secondary purpose is to help enhance visibility of the field of aging and the work that has been done and is still on-going to address the needs of older North Carolinians.

Selection Criteria

- Nominee has enhanced the lives of older North Carolinians through long-time demonstrated contributions (fifteen years or greater) to aging-related administration, service delivery, advocacy, public policy, or research in North Carolina.
- Individuals cannot be self-nominated.
- The nominator must be an active member of the NC Coalition on Aging.

To Submit a Nomination

Written nominations **MUST** include:

- Completed Award Nomination Application
- Maximum of a two-page written narrative which includes a bulleted description of why the nominee should be recognized.
- One letter of support for the nominee written by someone other than the nominator (State relationship to nominee and reasons for support.)

The deadline for submission of nominations is **September 4, 2026**. Completed applications should be e-mailed to executivedirector@ncccoalitiononaging.org.

Please note that one award recipient will be recognized at the annual meeting and luncheon of the NC Coalition on Aging which will be held on **Friday, September 25, 2026**. They will also be recognized in Coalition news alerts and on the Coalition's website and social media platforms. The winner will be asked to submit a color photograph which can be used for publicity purposes.

PIONEER AWARD NOMINATION APPLICATION



On a separate page include a written narrative which includes a bulleted description (two page maximum) of why the nominee should be recognized for long-time outstanding contributions to the field of aging in North Carolina. Include service in the NC Coalition on Aging or in other leadership roles.

Nominations must include a letter of support for the nominee written by someone other than the nominator. Please state the relationship to the nominee and reasons for support. The deadline for submission of nominations is **September 4, 2026**.

Contact Information for the **Nominator**:

Name _____ Job Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Is the nominator a member of the Coalition on Aging? Yes ___ No___

Contact Information for the **Nominee**:

Name _____ Job Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Length of affiliation with or employment in the aging field _____

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