

2026 TDW STATEWIDE AWARDS GUIDELINES

Each year at Convention, TDW recognizes local chapters and members for their outstanding work and notable Texas Democrats for exceptional dedication, commitment, and activism to the betterment of Texas. TDW members and Chapters are encouraged to submit nominations in all categories.

Winners will be determined by the Awards Committee, whose members are Past Presidents of TDW chaired by the Immediate Past President.

RULES

1. Nomination forms and supporting materials for the Oscar Mauzy Humanitarian Award and the Dr. Mae Jackson Outstanding Democratic Woman Elected Official, and Texas Democratic Woman of the Year are due **DECEMBER 1, 2025** to be considered for awards that will be presented in person on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2025 at the Marriott South Austin, 4415 South I-35 Access Rd. Nominations for all other categories must be received by **DECEMBER 12, 2025**.
2. Each nomination must be accompanied by a separate and complete awards nomination form and any supporting materials associated with the nomination.
3. All Chapter and member nominees must be current in their dues to TDW.
4. Materials must be emailed to Mary Ho at mhotdw2023@yahoo.com.

- **Dr. Mae Jackson Outstanding Democratic Woman Elected Official Award -**

presented to a Democratic woman elected official whose courage, accomplishments, and leadership have promoted the increased political activity and influence of Democratic women in Texas politics and government. The nominee need not be a TDW member.

- **Oscar Mauzy Humanitarian Award -** presented to a Democrat whose career of distinguished public or civic service is in the best tradition of the late Texas Supreme Court Justice Oscar Mauzy. The nominee need not be a TDW member.

- **Texas Democratic Outstanding Member of the Year -** presented to a TDW member who has consistently enhanced the image and viability of Texas Democratic Women. The nominee must be a member in good standing of TDW.

- **Chapter Certificates of Achievement -** presented to TDW chapters that have achieved goals consistent with the mission of TDW. Certificates will be given to any chapter that submits an Awards nomination form and has achieved the following criteria:

1. Paid TDW chapter dues for 2025.
2. Have ten (10) or more members in good standing.
3. Have submitted minutes from two or more meetings in 2025. Submit at least two sets of minutes signed by the Chapter secretary or president.
4. Have sent out two or more newsletters to chapter members in 2025. Submit newsletters either published by the chapter, in conjunction with another Democratic organization, or a President's Letter. If the newsletter is published online, please provide an active link.
5. Have one or more members in attendance at the 2025 TDW state convention. Please submit the member's name.
6. Have submitted at least one nomination for a 2025 TDW Statewide Award - Dr. Mae Jackson Outstanding Democratic Woman Officeholder; Oscar Mauzy Humanitarian Award; or Outstanding Texas Democratic Woman.

• **Outstanding Chapter Newsletter** – presented for the chapter newsletter judged to be most informative and aesthetically pleasing. Criteria:

1. Newsletter must be published at least twice a year, either online or in hard copy.
2. At least two issues must be submitted.
3. Submitted issues must have been published in 2025.

So that the aesthetic qualities of newsletters can be judged fairly, please email copies to mhotdw2023@yahoo.com.

• **Outstanding Chapter Scrapbook or Website** - awarded to the Chapter whose scrapbook or website best displays a comprehensive view of its political activities for 2024 in an aesthetically pleasing way. Criteria:

1. The members of the submitting chapter must have completed the scrapbook/website.
2. Scrapbook/website must reflect photos and other mementos of the members engaging in and promoting political activity.
3. Since many chapters have a holiday party in December, the scrapbook deadline can be extended to January 8, 2025, by notifying Mary Ho at mhotdw2023@yahoo.com

2025 TDW STATEWIDE AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

TDW Member or Chapter making this nomination: _____

Nominee Name: _____

Nominee Position or Title: _____

Nominee Mailing Address: _____

Nominee Phone: _____

Nominee Email: _____

This nomination is for (check one):

_____ Dr. Mae Jackson Outstanding Democratic Woman Office Holder*

_____ Oscar Mauzy Humanitarian Award*

_____ Outstanding Texas Democratic Woman*

_____ Chapter Certificate of Achievement*

_____ Outstanding Chapter Newsletter (print or online)

_____ Outstanding Chapter Scrapbook or Website

*Must include a short essay that describes the nominee and their accomplishments in 500 or fewer words. Please submit additional supporting documentation (does not count toward the word limit) and label each item.

Please email a copy of the completed form and supporting materials to

mhotdw2023@yahoo.com

Mary Ho

TDW Board-at-Large