

To: SFAPAL Members
From: L.B. Scott, Executive Director
Date: 2025 Calendar year
Subject: Nominations for the SFAPAL Awards



Does your PAL benefit from outstanding individuals that help your programs stand out? Has a corporate backer gone above and beyond the call of duty? Is there a youth that draws admiration from everyone he/she meets? If you have any of these outstanding people involved with your PAL program show them how much they mean to you and nominate them for the Florida PAL awards.

Enclosed you will find the application for the 2025 award nominations in (4) four categories:

1. PAL Volunteer of the Year
2. Community Corporation of the Year
3. PAL Girl of the Year
4. PAL Boy of the Year

Winners of all of the above awards will be announced in November or December 2025 via Florida PAL's Social Media Platforms (Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook).

Winners of the PAL Girl of the Year, PAL Boy of the Year, PAL Volunteer of the Year and the Community Corporation of the Year will receive their award during the Membership Training Conference, typically held in December at Disney's Yacht Club Resort Conference Center in Lake Buena Vista, Florida*. This arrangement is subject to change at the discretion of Florida PAL, and because of that Florida PAL reserves the right to award the winners at an alternate site and event, at an alternate time if at all necessary.

DEADLINE for PAL Girl of the Year, PAL Boy of the Year, PAL Volunteer of the Year, and Community Corporation of the Year is October 30, 2025, before 4:00 PM EST. All applications must be submitted electronically. There will be no exceptions to this deadline since the Awards Committee will need adequate time to review each application.



AWARDS PROGRAM

The State of Florida Association of Police Athletic/Activities Leagues (SFAPAL) will present awards at the annual Membership Training Conference in December each calendar year.

The following awards will be presented:

1. Florida PAL Volunteer of the Year
2. Florida PAL Community Corporation of the year
3. Florida PAL Girl of the year
4. Florida PAL Boy of the year

Purpose of the Awards

The awards will be presented annually to honor the persons who have demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the citizens of their community through the PAL program. We urge all SFAPAL members to submit deserving candidates for consideration.

Selection Committee

An independent committee will select the winner in each category.

Nominations for awards shall be limited to (3) three parts:

Part I- Completed Entry Form Sheet.

Data should include only those activities or programs that took place during the current calendar year and/or during (2020-2024).

Electronically Submit at least 2 Clear Color Photos of your nominee by email to Florida PAL.

[Must have minimum of two clear color photos]

Part II- Narrative. Electronically submit your narrative.

Questions that should be addressed in the narrative are listed for each respective category of each award, reference page 4 of this application. **The narrative can be free form and should be a MINIMUM OF ONE FULL PAGE, maximum of two pages, 8 ½ " X 11", typed, double-spaced, one side only.**

Part III- Letters of endorsement.

Letters (minimum of 2, maximum of 4) from other organizations or individuals having direct knowledge of the achievements will be considered with the nomination. **Scan these in and electronically submit them as well.**

Recipients of the Volunteer, Community Corporation, and PAL Girl and Boy of the Year Awards will have the honor of receiving a plaque, being a guest of honor at a special SFAPAL event and having their story told to all meeting/event attendees. The PAL Girl and Boy of the Year will both be presented with a computer system and cash award. SFAPAL may provide lodging for recipients (one night stay designated by Florida PAL-subject to change). Their photo and story of their achievements will be showcased on the SFAPAL Social Media Platforms and Website. Winners must attend the awards ceremony held during the December 2025 Membership Training Conference. ***If you are not in attendance then your award/ scholarship is forfeit.***

Winner(s) must be present to possibly receive a (1) night stay, Saturday, December 13, 2025 (check in) and check out Sunday December 14, 2025 by 11:00 AM EST. The Award ceremony will be Sunday, December 14, 2025 (Time TBA). Saturday is chosen so award winner(s) and family may attend hopefully without significant interruption of school/work. It is an awards luncheon therefore providing time for awardee and family to get back on the road in time busy school and/pr work week with no interruptions.

Entry Deadlines and Submission Data

Please make sure to electronically submit your completed nomination {i.e. Data Entry Form, Narrative, Color Photos, and Letters of Endorsement}. All entries must be submitted to the state office on or before 4:00pm EST, October 30, 2025 for PAL Boy and Girl of the Year and Volunteer and Community Corporation of the Year.

Entries should be submitted by email to:

FLPALMembersconnect@sfapal.org

Subject: Awards Committee

Questions for Award Narratives

Community Corporation of the Year

This narrative needs to be at least 250 words.

1. Give a brief explanation of how this corporation supports your PAL.
2. What corporate resources are committed to your PAL?
3. How long has the corporation been involved with your PAL?
4. Give a brief description of overall involvement with PAL.
5. **Submit by email at least (2) Color Photos of Corporation in action with the PAL Chapter.**

Eligibility for Community Corporation of the Year

- An organization, agency, for non-profit business, media (print or broadcast), or citizens' group that has given support and encouragement to make a significant achievement of exceptional meritorious nature to the local PAL chapter.
- Must have been associated with a member chapter of the SFAPAL during last and present calendar year.

Note: Nominators of winning nominees will be notified of the results as soon as they are available. It is imperative that winning nominees attend the awards ceremony, December 14, 2025 @ time TBA at Disney's Yacht Club Resort Conference Center.

PAL Volunteer of the Year

This narrative needs to be at least 250 words.

1. Explain the Volunteers involvement with the local PAL program.
2. How unique is their involvement?
3. Provide some background information on the volunteer (family life, education, etc)
4. **Email a Color Photo or two of involvement for awards book and Social Media platforms.**

Eligibility for Volunteer of the Year

- Must be a volunteer-a person who is not paid to carry out activities/projects for which he/she has agreed to be responsible.
- Must have been associated with a member chapter of the SFAPAL during the past and current calendar year.

PAL Girl or Boy of the Year

This narrative needs to be at least 300 words.

1. Brief description of their involvement with their respective PAL.
2. Brief description of their involvement with Florida PAL.
3. School/Church/Community background.
4. What are his/her aspirations and/or goals for the future.

Eligibility for the Girl or Boy of the Year

- Must have participated in a PAL program for at least (12) twelve months.
- Must have participated in a SFAPAL program in the last (24) twenty-four months. Hint: Make sure to list any STATE PAL Events (Basketball, Boxing, Cheerleading, and/or Youth Directors Program) you have been involved with and or participated in.

**THE SFAPAL ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM
AWARD NOMINATIONS
ENTRY FORM**

PAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
COMMUNITY CORPORATION OF THE YEAR
PAL BOY & GIRL OF THE YEAR

(A) Category_____

(B) Nominee_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone (w)_____ (m)_____

(C) Name of person submitting
nomination_____

PAL Chapter_____

EMAIL_____

(D) Contact person for reference:
Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone (w)_____ (m)_____

EMAIL_____

(E) I understand the Nominee can only win "Once in a lifetime".

(F) This portion must be completed and signed by President or Executive Director of the nominating PAL.

I verify the information that is submitted in this nomination is factual, and can be verified.

Name_____ Title_____

Entries must be received no later than 4:00pm on October 30, 2025.

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