Journey Awards

Celebrating the stewardship journey

Every day, countless individual and collective acts of stewardship take place across our communities and our lives – but often go unnoticed or unrecognized as expressions of faith and service.

That's why Everence® established the Journey Awards – to celebrate the vitality of stewardship we see lived out by our friends, family and neighbors.

The Journey Awards are designed to recognize stewardship as a core practice of life and one's faith journey.

When we think about stewardship, it's easy to focus on things like tithing, charitable giving, or careful budgeting and spending. While these are important parts of stewardship, they don't capture the full picture.

True stewardship is about living with a mindset that recognizes we are caretakers, not owners, of what we've been given. It's a way of being in relationship with something larger than ourselves – with God, with the world around us, and with the people we serve. Stewardship shapes how we use our time, talents and resources in every area of our lives, guiding us to act with care, responsibility and generosity in all that we do.

Nomination guidelines

Award criteria

Everence presents up to 10 Journey Awards annually: one national and nine regional awards. These awards recognize individuals or groups who deeply understand the value of their gifts and demonstrate the following qualities:

- They intentionally use their resources and talents in ways that align with their faith, values and purpose.
- Their lives reflect the call to serve God and others by sharing their gifts to support the greater good and contribute to positive change in the world.
- Their journey of faithful stewardship inspires others to live with purpose and generosity.
- They actively encourage and empower others to embrace stewardship in their own lives.

Stories of stewards

To better understand the Journey Awards, read profiles of previous Journey Award recipients at everence.com/journey-awards.

*Award eligibility**

The Journey Awards are open to individuals, couples, families, or groups who are members of, or affiliated with, a congregation or organization that has historic roots or relationships with the Anabaptist faith community.

Nomination process

If you know an individual or group that fits the criteria for a Journey Award, please submit a nomination application. Nominations are accepted from members or attendees of congregations or organizations with historical ties or relationships to the Anabaptist faith community, as well Everence staff, board members, and representatives.

Send the completed application to: Everence, Attn: Journey Awards, P.O. Box 483, Goshen, IN 46527. The annual deadline is April 30. Any application received after that date will be held over for consideration next year.

Selection and presentation of awards

The Everence Journey Awards Advisory Committee reviews all nominations and selects the award recipients. Nominations not selected for this year may be considered for future awards. The list of nominees will remain confidential.

Award and presentation

Individuals and groups who are chosen for Journey Awards will receive a monetary gift to donate to the charity of their choice. The national award is $5,000 and the regional award is $1,000. Everence will present most awards during congregational worship or another appropriate setting.

For more information

For more information, contact Kenda Mishler at 800-348-7468 or visit everence.com/journey-awards.

*Everence staff members, board members, and representatives are not eligible for individual awards. Legal entities or affiliates of Everence are not eligible for group awards.

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