

# HUMAN RESOURCES LEADERSHIP AWARD

## NOMINATION FORM

\* Nomination fee will be returned if your candidate is not selected.



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**The Human Resources Leadership Award** is dedicated to honoring HR professionals who exemplify vision, integrity, and influence that drive organizational change. By celebrating these HR leaders, we are committed to showcasing the wide spectrum of leadership that propels organizations forward. Seize the opportunity to acknowledge these individuals for their outstanding job performance with the HR Leadership Award.

### Why This Award is Unique and Prestigious

- This award specifically recognizes the contributions and leadership of HR professionals who are essential to their organizations.
- Recognizes individuals for their professional achievements and their ability to positively influence their work environment and colleagues through their personal qualities and actions.
- Winners will be honored with a full-page profile in the current quarterly issue of *Profiles in Leadership Journal*, providing significant visibility and recognition.

**DEADLINE for Nominations:**  
**January 30, 2026**

Questions? Contact James Rector, Publisher

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### Complete Your Nomination in 4 Steps

#### 1. Provide important nomination information on pages 3 – 5 of this document.

Nominations will be reviewed and judged based on the brief bio you provide, which may include contributions and achievements of the nominee in areas such as:

- Leadership
- Professional Achievement
- Mentorship
- Legacy
- Community Involvement
- Innovation

#### 2. Complete the Nomination Processing Fee Area on Page 5

There is a \$495 processing fee per nomination which must be received by the nomination deadline. If your nominee is not selected, your nomination fee will be refunded.

#### 3. Upload\* Your Completed Nomination document by January 30, 2026 at <https://leadershipjournal.com/hrl-nomination-upload/>.

\* Nomination forms must be submitted/uploaded via *PLJ's* secure online portal  
Email submissions will not be accepted!

#### 4. Recognize Your Leaders with Confidence

We understand that today's communications require care and consideration. That's why *Profiles in Leadership Journal* offers all nominating organizations the opportunity to review and approve their award winner's profile prior to publication.

Your organization remains in full control of how your leadership is portrayed — we're your partner in celebrating excellence, not a source of concern.

### It's that Easy

If your nominee should be selected as a 2026 HR Leadership award recipient, we will notify both your successful nominee and the person who nominated him or her. We'll also send each nominee a Question & Answer packet. He or she will be asked to answer a few general questions, write an optional brief essay, and provide a high-resolution photograph of him or herself, as well as a digital version of your organization's logo. Each nominee's photograph, optional essay, and professional information will appear on a dedicated full page in our Q1 issue. Just complete the Nomination area on pages 3 and 4. Links for upload and payment are on page 5.

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(Please fill in all form fields and **be sure to save this file** when completed)

### Before You Begin

As part of our collaborative process, your organization will have the chance to review and approve the final profile of your award winner before publication. This ensures alignment with your internal messaging and gives your team full confidence to nominate with peace of mind.

### A. Nominee Information

Nominee's Name: ☐ Mr. ☐ Ms. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Dr. \_\_\_\_\_  
(as it should appear in print and please check prefix that applies)

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Corporate Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info for Nominee's  
Administrative Assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Nominated by:

*Note: The nominator must be the primary point of contact for all editorial communications. Using a company executive as the nominator will not increase a nominee's chances of selection. He or she will be evaluated on merit alone. Please ensure that the person whose information is entered below is available to manage all communications related to the nomination and award process.*

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Contact Name & Email:** \_\_\_\_\_



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### C. Tell Us Why You Chose this Nominee

Briefly explain why your nominee should be recognized as a 2026 HR Leadership awardee: (200 words max.)

Provide a brief bio that highlights your nominee's contributions and accomplishments, which may include examples of their leadership, professional achievement, innovation, mentorship, community involvement, and any organizational changes. (300-400 words max.)

### D. Final Profile Approval

Please confirm your preference regarding the final profile approval process:

- ☐ **Yes**, we would like to review and approve the final profile before publication.
- ☐ **No**, we trust the editorial process and do not require a final review.

Note: If "Yes" is selected, publication will not proceed without organizational approval.

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### E. Nomination Processing Fee

**NOMINATION FEE: \$495:**

After uploading your Nomination form, please be sure to go to our secure payment portal where you can submit your entry fee payment. If your nominee is not selected, *PLJ* will refund your nomination fee.



Please upload this document **(do not email)**  
at: <https://leadershipjournal.com/hrl-nomination-upload/>



Submit \$495 application fee payment at:  
<https://buy.stripe.com/eVq00c93FbxP6dw77A0Jq0f>

**If you need an invoice for payment please email  
James Rector: [publisher@leadershipjournal.com](mailto:publisher@leadershipjournal.com)**

**Submitted nomination and fee must be received by January 30, 2026.**

*Emailed submissions will not be accepted!*

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Will our organization have the opportunity to review the award winner's profile before publication?**  
Yes. We offer every nominating organization the chance to review and approve the final profile of their award winner before publication. We understand the importance of alignment with internal communications and public messaging. Your team remains in full control of what is shared publicly.
- Will the nomination fee be refunded if our candidate is not selected?**  
Your nomination fee will be returned in full if your candidate is not selected.
- How will my organization be notified of our nominee's acceptance?**  
Confirmation that your organization's nominee has been accepted will be sent to the nominator and the award winner along with a Question & Answer Form.
- Is purchasing an advertisement in the Q1 2026 issue of *PLJ* required if our nominee is accepted?**  
No advertising purchase is required.
- Will we be able to receive PDFs of our nominee's profile layout?**  
If you wish to receive a **FREE PDF** of your nominees layout from the Q1 magazine, please email a request to [stevetoth@leadershipjournal.com](mailto:stevetoth@leadershipjournal.com) after the issue has been launched.
- Will my organization have an opportunity to revise a profile after it appears in the Q1 2026 issue?**  
If you would like to make edits or changes to your page(s) after the magazine is posted online, please email [stevetoth@leadershipjournal.com](mailto:stevetoth@leadershipjournal.com).