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## **Florida Blue Foundation Now Accepting Nominations for 2026 Sapphire Awards**

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – [Sept. 3, 2025]** - The [Florida Blue Foundation](#), the philanthropic affiliate of [Florida Blue](#) and part of the [GuideWell](#) family of companies, is now accepting nominations for the 2026 Sapphire Awards. The awards will recognize and celebrate outstanding programs, organizations, and individuals who have made a significant impact in improving the health and well-being of people and communities through the power of connection.

The Florida Blue Foundation is seeking nominees who have nurtured meaningful human connections and developed collaborative relationships that created and maintained stronger and more engaged communities.

Through a competitive review process, the Sapphire Awards will honor those who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation, and collaboration in building stronger, more engaged communities, and whose work serves as a model for others to follow.

Nominations are due by **Tuesday, October 7, 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)**. For more information about the Sapphire Awards nomination process, please watch this educational [webinar](#) and visit [www.floridabluefoundation.com](http://www.floridabluefoundation.com). To read the 2026 Sapphire Awards guidelines, [click here](#).

The Sapphire Awards were designed in 2005 by Florida Blue Foundation to recognize excellence and innovation in community health leadership and programs in Florida. Since then, 157 Sapphire Awards, totaling \$8 million, have been awarded across Florida. The Sapphire Awards program and dinner will be held on April 16, 2026 at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld hotel. The theme will be: The Power of Connection – Nurturing meaningful human connections and developing collaborative relationships are key to creating and maintaining stronger and more engaged communities.

To learn more about the Florida Blue Foundation's impact across the state, read GuideWell's latest [impact report](#).

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### **About Florida Blue Foundation**

Florida Blue Foundation enables healthy communities by making grants, building coalitions, and embracing solutions that create a meaningful impact in communities across the state. An average of 10 million Floridians receive services each year as a result of its community investments. Founded in 2001, Florida Blue Foundation is committed to improving health by impacting food security, advancing mental well-being, growing healthy communities, and addressing health disparities. Florida Blue Foundation is a trade name of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Foundation, Inc., an Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. For more information, please visit [www.FloridaBlueFoundation.com](http://www.FloridaBlueFoundation.com).

**About Florida Blue**

Driven by its mission of helping people and communities achieve better health, Florida Blue is the leading health insurer in Florida, and part of GuideWell, a not-for-profit health solutions company. Florida Blue offers a range of health plans and personalized care programs for individuals, families, businesses of all sizes, and Medicare beneficiaries. For over 80 years, the organization has been member centric and committed to making health care as accessible and affordable as possible. Serving more than six million members across all 67 Florida counties, Florida Blue has more than 8,000 employees and is headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla., is owned by its policyholders, and is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association.

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