

C.C.
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AWARD



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2025 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

*Honoring
Outstanding Service*

The individual awards for elected and appointed city officials are presented annually to honor outstanding service to the community of Minnesota cities.

These awards are the League of Minnesota Cities' highest individual honors.

Nominate someone from your city today!

DEADLINE: APRIL 21, 2025



ELIGIBILITY & RULES

ABOUT THE AWARDS

These awards are the League's highest individual honors and are presented annually to honor outstanding service.



The C.C. Ludwig Award is the League's highest honor for elected city officials. Recipients are chosen for their vision, statesmanship, and unwavering commitment to the public good. The award was established in 1962 and is named for Clarence C. Ludwig, who served as the League's executive director from 1935-1959.



The James F. Miller Leadership Award is the League's highest honor for appointed city officials, and is presented in recognition of outstanding leadership in public service and dedication to the community. Formerly known as the LMC Leadership Award, the name of the award was changed to honor former Executive Director James F. Miller, who retired in 2015 after 22 years of service to the League.



The Emerging Leader Award is presented in recognition and encouragement of elected and appointed officials who are early in their service to municipal government, have made meaningful contributions to their city, and show promise for continuing service and leadership.

ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARDS

- To be eligible for an individual award, officials must currently be working in their position or serving in office at the time of nomination.
- City officials with eight years of experience or less are eligible for the Emerging Leader Award.
- No current members of the LMC or LMCIT Board of Directors are eligible for nomination until the year following the expiration of their Board term.

EVALUATION

Entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges selected by LMC. No award shall be made if, in the judges' opinion, there is no qualified nominee.

In making their determination, the judges will consider the following factors:

- Service above and beyond what is required by the nominee's position. Contributions to improved municipal government throughout the state of Minnesota through involvement in national, state, county, municipal, professional, or other public organizations or agencies, including the League of Minnesota Cities.
- Significant improvements in Minnesota cities throughout the state, attributable to the nominee's service.
- Admiration and respect of the general public for the nominee, and the nominee's success in city government service.
- Selfless conduct focused on the greater good of all Minnesota cities, in addition to the nominee's own city.
- ***Emerging Leader nominees are not expected to have met all the criteria listed to the same extent as the other individual award nominees.***

City officials who are nominated for the first time this year and who maintain their eligibility will be kept on file and can be considered for three years (2025-2028).

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations may be submitted by the city council of an LMC member city, or by a civic organization (for example: Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, etc.) concerned with local government, as long as the nomination has the endorsement of the nominee's city council.

No current members of the LMC or LMCIT Board of Directors are eligible for nomination until the year following the expiration of their Board term.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

**All entries must be submitted or postmarked by April 21, 2025.
Electronic submissions are encouraged.**

Questions? Contact Don Reeder at dreeder@lmc.org or (651) 215-4031.

NOMINATION FORM

- C.C. Ludwig Award** for elected city officials
- James F. Miller Leadership Award** for appointed city officials
- Emerging Leader Award** for elected or appointed city officials

Name of nominee: _____

Title: _____

City: _____ Number of years in current position: _____

Nomination submitted by: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

City (or civic organization): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please submit the following information along with this form. Limit your nomination materials to no more than 10 pages:

1. A list of any other positions or public offices — with the dates served — that the nominee has held.
2. A list of any positions/offices held — with the dates served — in any city, county, regional, state, or national municipal organization.
3. A list of public service activities, such as: a member of a citizen’s committee; involvement with committees or task forces involving state, county, or municipal government; involvement with the League of Minnesota Cities, the National League of Cities, etc.
4. A statement or letter from the nominee’s city council verifying its support for the nomination. This does not require an official vote at a council meeting.
5. A statement highlighting factors that qualify the nominee to receive this honor. Please consider the evaluation criteria mentioned on the “Eligibility & Rules” section of this brochure.
6. Any additional supporting documents such as articles about the nominee, letters of support, etc. (Optional)

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Please note that by submitting your entry, you are granting LMC approval to use your entry for promotional purposes. Completed entries must be submitted or postmarked by **April 21, 2025**.

Send via email to: Don Reeder at dreeder@lmc.org

Send via USPS mail to: Individual Awards Nominations
Attn: Don Reeder
Public Affairs Coordinator
League of Minnesota Cities
145 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55103-2044



	C.C. Ludwig Award	James F. Miller Leadership Award	Emerging Leader Award
2024	<i>Rick Miller, Mayor Waite Park</i>	<i>Tom Lawell, City Administrator Apple Valley</i>	<i>Nadia Mohamed, Mayor St. Louis Park</i>
2023	<i>Robert Byrnes, Mayor Marshall</i>	<i>Joel Young, City Administrator Chatfield</i>	<i>Emily Goellner, Community Dev Director Wayzata</i>
2022	<i>Janet Williams, Mayor Savage</i>	<i>Wally Wysopal, City Manager Fridley</i>	<i>Emily Durand, Mayor Wabasha</i>
2021	<i>Tom Ryan, Mayor Blaine</i>	<i>Merton Auger, City Administrator Buffalo</i>	
2020	<i>Dave Smiglewski, Mayor Granite Falls</i>	<i>Justin Miller, City Administrator Lakeville</i>	
2019	<i>Jerry Faust, Mayor Saint Anthony Village</i>	<i>Steve Bot, City Administrator St. Michael</i>	

This award was established in 2022

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