



The Common Threads Award recognizes women with past or present roots in agriculture who have made a remarkable and visible contribution to the enhancement of their communities. Women who have shown extraordinary participation in the community with their time, talent, and treasure will be selected from the applications submitted.

2025 AWARD CRITERIA:

- Prospective women honorees must reside and make a significant contribution in one of the following six counties:
Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, or Tulare.
- Nominees must have past and/or present roots in agriculture. In addition, the nominee must show outstanding involvement not only in agriculture but have also made a difference with their philanthropic giving and volunteer support within their own community. Nominees should be someone personally known to you. Self-submittals are not accepted.
- **Please do not inform the individual whom you nominate. The Common Threads selection committee will contact you and your nominee if they have been selected for this year's award by December 10th. If your nominee is not selected this year, she will be eligible for consideration for the following two years.**

HOW TO APPLY:

All applications must include the following information to be considered complete:

- Letter of introduction
- Nomination form
- Color photo of the nominee

Applicants may include up to three letters of recommendation, though they are not required for consideration. We encourage letters from individuals with a personal and direct understanding of the nominee's qualifications, rather than from acquaintances. Completed submissions must be received in the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation (CALF) office **no later than midnight Monday, December 2, 2024. Documents can be submitted electronically or through standard mail.**

Mailing address:

Attention: Mia Mirassou
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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL MIA MIRASSOU AT (831) 585-1030.

OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY FOR CONSIDERATION.

All nomination packets are due no later than midnight Monday, December 2, 2024

Name of Nominee:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

County:

Daytime Phone:

Cell Phone:

Nominee's Email Address:

Nominee's Current Employer & Position:

Name of Person Submitting Nomination:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Daytime Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

How Long Have You Known the Nominee:

Relationship to Nominee:

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible on a separate page. Please number each answer to the corresponding question.

1. Please list all of the nominee's community, philanthropic, and volunteer activities that have impacted her community and contributed to agriculture. Indicate all awards and special recognitions she has received.
2. Please provide a brief history of the nominee's background in agriculture (i.e., born and raised on a farm, moved to a farm upon her marriage to her spouse, became involved in agriculture through college or through a career, etc.).
3. Please give one prime example of how the nominee's involvement with an organization or activity has made an outstanding or far-reaching impact on her community.
4. Please describe the nominee's core values and what you believe drives the nominee to make her contributions to the extent that she has demonstrated.
5. What might set your nominee apart from the other exceptional nominees involved in agriculture and their community?

You have now completed the nomination form for consideration by the Common Threads Selection Committee. Please ask yourself, if I did not know the nominee, would this nomination form tell the whole story? If not, please consider enhancing your submission to ensure your nominee receives the consideration you believe she deserves. You can use additional pages as necessary.

Thank you for completing this application and submitting this nomination. Please mark your calendar for March 19, 2025. We are hopeful you will join us at the luncheon.