



Congresswoman Jackie Speier, 2017

## The Women of Courage Award

Supporting young women who exemplify the spirit of Congresswoman Jackie Speier in making the world a better place.

### What is the award?

The Women of Courage award is inspired by the lifetime work of Congresswoman Jackie Speier who in her roles as a mother, attorney, congressional staffer and elected official has shown resilience in overcoming tragedy and life threatening situations and fortitude in taking on powerful political forces. She has become a leading champion of women's rights, individual privacy and consumer safety. This \$25,000 annual award is granted to young women who show outstanding courage in their efforts to make the world a better place.

The Selection Committee welcomes all innovative ideas of work that makes the world a better place.

Examples could be, but are not limited to:

- Innovative work in science, technology, education or the arts
- Impactful investigative journalism
- Leadership in civic activism
- Advocating for environmental sustainability
- Starting a non-profit or social enterprise

### Who is eligible for the award?

The award is open to young women (18-30 years old) who live, work or serve others in San Mateo County, and who demonstrate courage, make an impact, and exemplify the characteristics of compassion, resilience and integrity in an effort to make the world a better place.

### How can I nominate someone?

Nominations can be submitted through a form at <https://www.venturesfoundation.org/nomination-form/>. A nomination should come from someone who knows the nominee closely and can speak to her service work.

### When are nominations due?

Nominations must be submitted by December 1st, 2020 to be considered. Awardees will be announced in Early 2021.

*The Women of Courage Award was founded by Cynthia Schuman, an accomplished artist and designer, philanthropist, and community leader.*



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