



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 female-identifying individuals (aged 18-30 years old) who live, work or serve others in San Mateo County, and who demonstrate courage in a personal or professional capacity, make an impact, and exemplify the characteristics of compassion, resilience and integrity.

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 will re-open in March for the 2022 round.

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



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