

FILCCA NATIONAL AWARDS GENERAL CRITERIA

10- 12 October 2025

GOLD COAST QUEENSLAND

The Filipino Communities Council of Australia Inc. (FILCCA) confers upon outstanding individuals and organisations with exemplary achievements the FILCCA awards in recognition of their contribution to the Filipino and Australian communities.

The biennial awards were started in 2000 and include a list of deserving, inspirational individuals and associations who are worthy of respect and emulation.

Nominations are now being accepted for:

- 1) Filipino Australian of the Year Award (**Major Award**)
- 2) Filipino Australian Achiever Award.
- 3) Leadership Award.
- 4) Youth Achievement Award; and
- 5) Outstanding Community Organisation Award.

GENERAL CRITERIA

Individual nominees must:

1. Be a permanent resident or Australian citizen of Filipino descent.
2. Be of good moral standing in the community.
3. Have no bankruptcy attached to their name.
4. Have no criminal conviction with one year or more period of imprisonment; and
5. May or may not be a member of the state council of their area.

Organisations must:

1. Be duly registered and operating for at least three (3) years; and
2. May or may not be members of the state council.

FILIPINO AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR - this award is given to an outstanding individual with exceptional qualities who:

1. Has met the general criteria.
2. Is an inspiration.
3. Has demonstrated extraordinary achievements, above and beyond their normal job or call of duty: (Individuals of this calibre usually have achievements that include words like - “first”, “only”, “pioneer”, “outstanding” etc).
4. Has contributed greatly to the Filipino and Australian community.
5. Has made a lasting impact on the Filipino Australian community.
6. The awards committee and panel of judges will select the overall winner from among the nominees for the Filipino Australian Achiever Award submissions or another nominee at their ultimate discretion.

FILIPINO AUSTRALIAN ACHIEVER AWARD - this award is given to an individual who:

1. Has met the general criteria.
2. Has achieved in any area or field of endeavour as a professional, a worker, and/or as a community volunteer.
3. Has made a significant impact to the Filipino Australian community in Australia or the Philippines. Has promoted Philippine culture and heritage.
4. Has made outstanding contribution to the betterment of Australia/Philippines.
5. Has contributed to the upliftment of the image of Filipinos in Australia.
6. Has contributed continuously and consistently for at least three (3) years prior to nomination.

LEADERSHIP AWARD - this award is given to an individual who:

1. Has met the general criteria.
2. Has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills through an organisation or through a project.
3. May or may not be the head (President or Chairperson) of an association.
4. Has initiated, implemented and/or supported a specific project that benefited the Filipino-Australian Community.
5. Has had community involvement of more than three (3) years.

YOUTH ACHIEVER AWARD - this award is given to an individual who:

1. Has met the general criteria.
2. Must be 30 years of age or under.
3. Has achieved in any area or field of endeavour as a professional, a worker, and/or a community volunteer.
4. Must have performed as a leader and such performance recognised by the members of the association and the Filipino Australian community.
5. Has completed a project that has made a difference and has impacted the Filipino Australian community.
6. Has uplifted the image of Filipinos in Australia.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY ORGANISATION - this award is given to an organisation or an association who:

1. Is a duly registered organisation, operating in Australia for at least three (3) years.
2. May or may not be an affiliate member of the State Council.
3. Has contributed positively to the upliftment of the image and betterment of the Filipino-Australian community and/or must have contributed to the betterment of the Philippines.
4. Has had a project which has had a lasting impact and significance on the Filipino community in Australia and/or the Philippines.

SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE:

The official nomination form must be completed and to include the following supporting documentations:

1. No more than 2000 words summary about the nominee.
2. Evidence/support documents - academic achievements, if applicable.
3. General Achievements - degree of difficulty and sacrifices made.
4. Contributions and benefits to the Filipino community in Australia or in the Philippines.
5. Contributions and benefits to the Australian Society.
6. Provide the following evidentiary support documents -
 - a. Copies of certificates, awards, etc.
 - b. Press clippings
 - c. Letters of recommendation

7. Any other relevant material in support of the nomination.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

1. Current members of the FILCCA Executive (elected Office Bearers) are eligible for the awards.
2. It is the nominator's responsibility to ensure that all documentary evidence is included in the nomination.
3. State Councils are responsible for nominations from their respective state/territories. It is the state council's responsibility to conduct due diligence and enquiries on the validity of the nominations.
4. No correspondence will be entered following the decision of the panel, which is final.
5. Non-affiliate members may submit nominations but must still be endorsed by the state council.
6. Only original applications will be accepted.
7. Nomination forms to be forwarded to FILCCA Secretary, Heidi Davie via email at filcca.awards2025@gmail.com and cc: FILCCA President agnes.mercader@gmail.com

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Note: Submit nominations on or before Friday 15 August 2025.