

Kansas Hero Award Nomination Form

Do you know someone who has done something extraordinary for someone else this year? Someone who has saved a life or responded courageously to a disaster? Now is your chance to honor them. The American Red Cross is seeking nominations for our 15th annual Tribute to Heroes Award Breakfast. These heroes will be recognized during a special award ceremony and breakfast on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 7:30–9:00 a.m. at the Wichita Hyatt Regency.

Every day people make extraordinary contributions by putting their needs aside to help others in our community. The Red Cross is honored to salute these unsung heroes. Your hero might be a lifeguard who saved a drowning child, a citizen who performed CPR at a shopping mall, or a friend who saved a neighbor's beloved pets from a fire.

Award Categories

The Red Cross will recognize heroes throughout Kansas in these categories:

- Lifetime Hero presented to an individual who inspires others by their example. This individual has overcome hardship, risen above challenges, or dedicated their life to serving others.
- Gift of Life Hero presented to an individual, couple, group or organization who supports the lifesaving mission through personal blood or platelet donations, or by inspiring others to give blood or platelets.
- Call to Action Hero presented to an individual who, by circumstances beyond their control, found themselves in a challenging situation and demonstrated extraordinary courage.
- Disaster Relief Hero presented to an individual or organization who has served an important role in disaster relief in our community.
- Public Servant Hero presented to an individual who, in the line of duty (police, fire, military, medical, etc.) went above and beyond the call of duty.

Nomination Guidelines

- Nomination electronic form <u>HERE</u> or paper copy attached
- Nomination deadline is **September 1, 2025**.
- Nominees must live in Kansas and be able to attend the Tribute to Heroes Breakfast in Wichita, KS, on December 16, 2025.
- Hero nominees, their nominators and/or the person who was saved must be available for videotaped interviews during October 2025.



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NOMINEE: Please fill out all information. Incomplete forms will not be considered. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Mr. ☐ Dr. Name Occupation Address City/State/Zip Phone (Day) Phone (Evening) Email Date of Birth Award Category **NOMINATED BY:** ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Mr. ☐ Dr. Name Occupation Address City/State/Zip Phone (Day) Phone (Evening) Email Relationship to nominee **Award Category** Does your nominee know that they are being nominated? ☐ Yes ☐ No Please state why you are nominating the candidate for a Heroes Award, including where/when the heroic event occurred; what actions and/or deeds make your nominee(s) a hero; what impact your nominee(s) made on your life, the life of others and the community; the personal integrity of your nominee; how the nominee lives out the Red Cross mission; and contact information for at least one witness who can verify the heroic act and character of your nominee. Feel free to write on the back of this form or add pages if needed.

Nominations are due September 1, 2025.

Please return this form plus any photos or newspaper articles to:

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