



Ready to Nominate.

Do you have someone in mind who has been a real prevention game-changer? We've got some awesome tips to help you excel in your nomination and give your deserving candidate the best opportunity to secure a Prevention Week Award.

First off, choose a category that resonates with your nominee's awesomeness! It's not just about checking boxes – your nominee should not only meet the criteria but also shine. Let's make sure they get the recognition they truly deserve!

Describe Your Nominee

- Provide a high-level overview of your nominee, highlighting their significant contributions and impact in their respective field or area of focus.
- Kick off your nomination with an impactful story or message that shows us who you're talking about.
- Describe the person/group, what they do, and why it matters. Make it clear and straightforward, so we have a practical understanding of your nominee right from the start. This way, your nomination will grab attention and make an impression!

Highlight Nominee Key Achievements

- In this section, we encourage nominators to provide specific details and examples of their nominee's achievements (you can use the bullet points in the nomination form as a guide)
- Be specific, clear, and keep it simple.
- Feel free to share notable accomplishments and highlight the impact your nominee has made in their respective field or area of focus.

Show Your Passion & Appreciation

It's not just about perfection in your words – when it comes to an outstanding nomination, quality matters, but what truly sets it apart is letting your passion and admiration for the nominee shine through! Be personal, feel free to sprinkle in some relevant personal stories.

Sample Nomination:

Q1. Describe Your Nominee

I am thrilled to nominate Sara Thompson for the Next Generation Influence Award. Sara's unwavering commitment and remarkable achievements in prevention truly deserve recognition. Because of and despite these obstacles, Sarah was determined to support younger students who might find themselves in a similar situation and provide them with support and resources.

Sara has not only led her peers in adopting healthier behaviors but has also demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities by effectively steering a youth coalition group through our biggest

event of the school year. Sara is an inspiration in our school and community. Her dedication to prevention and positive mental health is evident in every aspect of her work. Sara's proactive approach to prevention has resulted in tangible outcomes, from increased attendance at the peer-led support club she created to the remarkable growth of our school's Facebook page by 100 followers since her involvement.

Q2. Highlight Key Achievements

As the president of a youth coalition, Sara has consistently demonstrated effective leadership by guiding her peers, mentoring younger members to sustain the coalition, and bridging gaps between different groups. Her inclusive approach has fostered a sense of unity and purpose, ensuring that everyone feels valued and heard.

As mentioned, Sara's transition from junior high to high school was difficult and stressful. With administration support, the coalition's big event aimed at engaging all 8th-grade students in discussions about the transition to high school. Sarah and the coalition guided the 8th graders through various scenarios they might encounter, offering insights on how to navigate challenges while also discussing the benefits of high school. This peer-to-peer initiative resonated deeply with the 8th graders, who found value in learning resilience and coping skills from their older peers. Additionally, the coalition distributed stickers to all 8th graders featuring a mental health hotline, demonstrating how it could be utilized for support. This demonstration provided students with resources and empowered them to seek assistance when needed. The success of this event has inspired the coalition to continue the tradition even after Sara graduates.

Having witnessed Sara's passion firsthand, I am confident that she is not just a deserving candidate but an inspirational force for positive change. Let's honor Sara Thompson with the Next Generation Influencer Award and celebrate her outstanding contributions to prevention.

Award Winners and Nominees – Opportunities and Expectations

1. **Recognition & Event Attendance:** All award winners, nominees, and a guest are cordially invited to attend one of our statewide events where they will be recognized by their peers for their outstanding contributions to prevention efforts.
2. **Presentation Opportunity:** Award winners will have the honor of receiving a Prevention Award plaque and will be invited to present at one of the events, sharing insights and experiences with fellow attendees.
3. **Photo Submission:** We kindly request all award winners and nominees to provide a high-resolution photo for promotional purposes.
4. **Press Release:** A press release will be created for all winners to highlight their achievements and disseminate locally.
5. **Networking Opportunities:** Award winners and nominees will have the chance to connect with other professionals and organizations.
6. **Continued Recognition:** Following the events, award winners and nominees will be featured prominently on our organization's website and social media platforms.
7. **Invitation to CPA's 34th Annual Conference:** A select number of award winners will be invited to participate in our Annual Conference. During an evening reception, they will have the opportunity to share their inspiring stories, experiences, and insights with conference attendees. This platform allows for the celebration of their achievements and provides invaluable inspiration to fellow prevention advocates and professionals.