



**Nominations Open for the 10th Year of The Wawa Foundation Hero Award**

*Submissions Accepted May 5 – May 25 for The Wawa Foundation Hero Award, Honoring a Non-Profit Organization Improving and Building Stronger Communities in Philadelphia*

**Philadelphia, PA. (May 5, 2025)** – The Wawa Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation founded by Wawa, Inc. to support the company’s charitable giving and philanthropic activities, announced **the details and timeline of the 2025 Wawa Foundation Hero Award, which is presented during the annual Wawa Welcome America Festival.**

The Wawa Foundation Hero Award honors a non-profit organization and its volunteers serving Philadelphia by providing services that build stronger communities through preserving our independence, protecting our safety and mentoring and inspiring our youth.

**The Wawa Foundation Hero Award timeline:**

- Submissions Accepted: May 5 – May 25
- Community Voting Period: June 13 – 27
- Award Announcement: July 4

To submit an entry, qualified non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations can share a story or video about their impact on the Philadelphia community, including mission, purpose and services, through The Wawa Foundation website ([www.thewawafoundation.org](http://www.thewawafoundation.org)). The four most compelling stories will be selected for voting by the public. Voting will occur from June 13 - 27. The organization receiving the highest number of votes will be submitted to The Wawa Foundation Hero Award Panel for confirmation. Once confirmed, they will then be recognized with The Wawa Foundation Hero Award on July 4. The Wawa Foundation Hero Award recipient will be announced during the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Freedom Ceremony with **The Wawa Foundation Hero Award winner receiving a \$50,000 grant, and the runners up each receiving \$10,000 grants.** In honor of The Wawa Foundation’s 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the program, an additional \$20,000 will be awarded to hand-selected charities serving Philadelphia and announced at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Freedom Ceremony.

Previous Wawa Foundation Hero Award winners are not eligible for a period of ten years from the year they won, and previous Wawa Foundation Hero Award runners up are not eligible for a period of five years from the year they were recognized.

For more information on The Wawa Foundation Hero Award terms and conditions or to submit an entry, please visit [www.TheWawaFoundation.org](http://www.TheWawaFoundation.org).

**About The Wawa Foundation**

*The Wawa Foundation is an extension of Wawa’s commitment to making the world a better place by fulfilling customers’ lives every day. The Wawa Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation founded by Wawa, Inc. to support the company’s charitable giving and philanthropic activities – and ultimately to help build happier, stronger communities. The Wawa Foundation focuses its support on organizations committed to health, hunger and everyday heroes through local, regional and national grants and / or in-store fundraising, through donation boxes and point-of-purchase scan materials.*