

# CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN AWARD 2025 Nomination Process



## VISION

First 5 Riverside County's Champion for Children Award was created to honor and bring awareness to people and organizations whose leadership and advocacy embody the vision of First 5 Riverside County, where all children in Riverside County are healthy and thrive in supportive, nurturing, and loving environments and enter school ready to learn and embrace lifelong learning.

Champion for Children Award recipient(s) will be presented a plaque and certificate by the Riverside County Children and Families Commission and will be recognized on the First 5 Riverside County website and social media.

## GUIDELINES

- A person can only receive the award once within a ten-year period.
  - More than one person within the same organization may be eligible for the award.
- Submission window will be open one time per year.
  - Applications will be accepted through **February 19, 2025**. Applications must be received prior to the deadline. Any applications received after the deadline can be resubmitted in the next application window.
  - Nominees will be contacted to provide references and fill out questionnaire within two (2) weeks.
  - Applications will be reviewed within 30 days after the deadline to submit applications.
  - A recommendation will be made to the Commission at its next regular meeting.
  - Award recipient will be notified within two (2) weeks and presented with the award at the next scheduled Commission meeting.

## RECIPIENT CRITERION

- Person or persons, organization/service provider, or campaign.
- Supports and/or advocates for young children and families in Riverside County.
- Has created dynamic change or longevity within Riverside County.
- Achievements are in alignment with First 5 Riverside County strategic goals ([click here to read the F5RC Strategic Plan](#)):
  1. Quality Early Learning
  2. Comprehensive Health and Development
  3. Resilient Families
- Riverside County resident (has lived and/or worked in the county for a minimum of two years).
- Positive role model.

## Nomination Form (to be completed by person making nomination):

- Nominee's name (and contact information).
  - Job title and/or volunteer capacity for which you feel the nominee should be honored.
  - I nominate this person as a Champion for Children because...
    - Describe the nominee's commitment to children and families in Riverside County. Please share specific examples of how this involvement has changed the life of a child, children, or families. Specify the nominee's efforts toward Quality Early Learning, Comprehensive Health and Development and/or Resilient Families ([pages 19-40 of Strategic Plan, as linked in Criterion section](#)).
- Name and contact information of person submitting nomination.
  - How long have you known the nominee?
  - Please indicate if you would be willing to participate in a video or phone interview on behalf of your nominee.

## Additional questions about nominee:

1. Number of years impacting children's lives.
2. List organizations and years of involvement.
3. List key awards/accomplishments.
4. What key contributions has the nominee made to the community of children and families in Riverside County? Please be specific and include projects, events, donations, volunteer work, leadership, advocacy, and any other services made.
5. What are the results or influences of your nominee's work? Please include quantitative information (e.g. how many volunteer hours, how many organizations your nominee has volunteered with, how many individuals benefited from your nominee's efforts, etc.); and qualitative results (e.g. press releases, news stories, awards, and/or other recognition). **Please limit your response to 250 words.** Supporting documentation/evidence may be attached.
6. Please list the names and email addresses of three individuals we can contact to complete a reference questionnaire (see questions below).
7. Please submit form by **February 19, 2025** to Sean Pravica, First 5 Riverside County Senior Public Information Specialist, [First5@rivco.org](mailto:First5@rivco.org).

## Questions for additional references:

1. Name and affiliation.
2. How long have you known this person and in what capacity?
3. Briefly describe the projects or events that you have worked on with this applicant with regard to children and families.
4. Briefly describe how this person has positively impacted the lives of children and families in Riverside County (limit to 125 words).
5. You may contact me for more information (yes or no).
6. Please submit form by **February 19, 2025** to First 5 Riverside Advisory Committee Chair via First 5 Commission Coordinator.

**MAIL OR EMAIL COMPLETED FORM TO FIRST 5 RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

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