

2025 Judi McCarthy *Young Woman* in Philanthropy Award Call for Nominations – Due January 10, 2025

The Women's and Girls' Fund is pleased to solicit nominations for the 2025 Judi McCarthy **Young Woman** in Philanthropy Award. This award is given to a **young woman** who has made exceptional contributions of her time, talent, and treasure to improve the quality of life in Kern County.

Selection Criteria

- Is between 16 and 25 years of age, and eligible for extra-curricular activities (if in high school) and not on academic probation (if in college);
- Demonstrates a philanthropic spirit through personal giving or inspiring others to support charitable organizations;
- Exhibits a commitment to, and a passion for, bettering the lives of Kern County residents; and
- Focuses on seeking solutions to a problem rather than easing the symptoms.

Selection Process:

- The Awards Committee is composed of members of the Women's and Girls' Fund Vision Committee. Any member of the Vision Committee who submits a nomination is excluded from the Awards Committee.
- The Committee reviews all nominations and selects the recipient using the selection criteria stated in the call for nominations.
- The awards are presented at the Women's and Girls' Fund Annual Luncheon. The award recipient will be notified in advance of the luncheon and will be asked to attend the luncheon to be honored.
- In the unlikely event that that no nominee has met the criteria the award may be withheld.

Nomination Process

- Complete the attached form (fillable PDF document).
- Save the document using the nominee's name in the title of the file (e.g. JMcCarthy.pdf).
- Email the completed form as an attachment to WGF@kernfoundation.org by midnight (PST) on January 10, 2025.
- Late nominations will be considered for the 2026 award.
- Please do not send a resume. It will not be considered in the selection process.

**Questions? Please email WGF@kernfoundation.org or
call Kern Community Foundation at 661.325.5346**

Previous Recipients of the Judi McCarthy Young Woman in Philanthropy Award

2024: Noor El Kereamy, Stockdale HS • 2023: Jaiden Elyssa Bareng, Stockdale HS •
2022: Rhea Sharma, Stockdale HS • 2020/2021: Kimberly Molina Cortez, Mira Monte HS •
2019: Stephanie Santiago, Delano HS • 2018: Pricila Torres, Wasco HS • 2017: Sophia Li, Frontier HS •
2016: Jessyca Berman, Tehachapi HS • 2015: Po Tsui, Stockdale HS •
2014: Isabella & Sophia Busacca, Liberty HS • 2013: Jessica Yasin, Kern Valley HS •
2012: Wendi Wu, Independence HS • 2011: Abigail Wheeler, Wasco HS •
2010: Amanda Mosby, North HS & Rasnapreet Suri, Stockdale HS •

Judi McCarthy Young Woman in Philanthropy Nomination

Nominee Information

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email address:

1. Please describe how the nominee demonstrates a philanthropic spirit through personal giving or inspiring others to support charitable organizations.

2. Please describe how the nominee exhibits a commitment to, and passion for, bettering the lives of Kern County residents.

3. Please describe how the nominee focuses on seeking solutions to a problem rather than easing the symptoms.

4. Please confirm the nominee's age and eligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities (if in high school) or academic standing (if in college).

Nominator Information

Name:

Organization (if applicable):

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email address: