



Awards Nominations

To be Presented at the 33rd Annual Conference

June 7-9, 2026

Embassy Suites by Hilton-Asheville Downtown

192 Haywood Street Asheville, NC 28801

“Pathways to Possibility: Creating Clear Routes to Careers, Credentials, and Community Impact”

The Community Colleges of Appalachia (CCA) invites member institutions to submit nominations for awards in each of **four programmatic categories**: Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Instructional Program, and Workforce Development. These awards recognize exemplary programs at our member institutions. Representatives responsible for the four award winning programs will be asked to be present during the awards luncheon at our annual meeting to receive the award.

CCA Annual Awards Information

- To be considered, a nominated **program** must be from an institutional member of the Community Colleges of Appalachia in good standing.
- Deadline for submitting nominations is **Friday, April 10, 2026**.
- Award winning programs will be selected and contacted **no later than April 30, 2026**.
- Awards will be presented during the annual conference, and a representative from the college with the award-winning program is expected to participate by accepting the award and making very brief comments.
- Award categories for programs are as follows:
 - **Entrepreneurship Award**
Programs and efforts to support Entrepreneurship that impact the local community.
 - **Mark Ivester Innovation Award**
Innovative programs or activities in CCA member colleges that have been designed and successfully implemented to improve culture, efficiency, effectiveness, and/or infrastructure.
 - **Instructional Program Award**
Programs in CCA member colleges that have been designed and implemented to foster and inspire excellence in teaching and learning.
 - **Workforce Development Award**
Successful programs or activities in CCA member colleges that promote workforce development and community, and/or economic development.

Instructions: For each programmatic award submission, please complete the entire nomination form. A college may nominate four programs for awards. Each college may nominate **only one** program in each award category and may nominate **any specific program in only one** category. A separate nomination form must be completed for each nomination.

Once completed, **email the award nomination form(s) by Friday, April 10** to Dr. Kevin Boys, Executive Director, Community Colleges of Appalachia, kboys@ccofapp.org.