



Irwin Cantor Innovative Program Award

The Irwin Cantor Innovative Program Award was created to recognize innovation in court-connected or court-related programs created by a member of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Nominations for this award should be for programs, not individuals. The award is named for the late Hon. Irwin Cantor, former AFCC President.

Criteria for selection

The award recognizes any combination of the following:

- Innovation in program and content
- Innovation in objectives and presentation
- Creativity
- Contribution to the [mission of AFCC](#)

Eligibility

Open to all court-related or court-connected programs created by a member of AFCC.

Nominations

Nominations are solicited from AFCC membership. Any member of AFCC may nominate a program for the award. The AFCC Nominations Committee will recommend at least one candidate for consideration for the award.

To make a nomination

To make a nomination, you must submit it online via the SurveyMonkey form. Click [here](#) to access the online form for this award. **Nominations must be received by March 18, 2025.**

To complete the application, you will need the following information:

1. The name, mailing address, email address, and phone number, of the person submitting the nomination. **You must be an AFCC member to submit award nominations.**
2. The name of the program, and the mailing address, email address, and phone number of the designated program representative.
3. Written responses detailing how the nominated program meets the following criteria (up to 150 words per response):
 1. The program's demonstrated innovation in program and content
 2. The program's demonstrated innovation in objectives and presentation
 3. The program's demonstrated creativity
 4. The program's contribution to [the mission of AFCC](#)

4. The name, email address, phone number of one professional reference for the nominee, including a brief description of the nominee's professional relationship with the reference.

Decision

The recipient of the award will be chosen from the submitted candidates by a majority vote of the AFCC Awards Committee.

Presentation

This award will be presented at the AFCC Annual Conference.

Questions

Contact Patrick Sommer at AFCC, (608) 664-3750, or psommer@afccnet.org.