



News Release

Call for Nominations: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Awards

Award ceremony to recognize Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and their contributions to thriving communities and economy

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (April 16, 2025) — Maryland Comptroller **Brooke E. Lierman** will host an awards ceremony recognizing the contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) business owners and community leaders for their contributions to Maryland and the business community.

The inaugural AAPI Heritage Awards, Honoring Legacy, Inspiring Tomorrow, ceremony will be held on May 28, 2025, at 3 p.m. in the Louis L. Goldstein Treasury Building's Assembly Room in Annapolis during AAPI Heritage Month. The event's goal is to recognize AAPI community members and business leaders who have demonstrated a positive influence on their communities for sustained change, engaged in community service and mentorship, shown themselves to be good stewards toward the community, and inspired others to work together to reach shared goals.

"We want to recognize the significant contributions of members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities because our cultural diversity strengthens our state and makes our economy more resilient," **Comptroller Lierman said**. "I encourage Marylanders to celebrate their neighbors by nominating them for an award so we can share their stories and accomplishments and applaud the innovation, advocacy, persistence, and willingness to serve our communities."

Marylanders are invited to nominate Maryland businesses and individuals who provide impactful service to the AAPI community, demonstrating change and positive influence within the community for which they serve. The inaugural AAPI Heritage Awards will include the Community Champion Awards with three subcategories: **Small Business, Emerging Business, and Business Leader**. These awards will honor Maryland business leaders who have made a sizeable impact on the AAPI community and worked with diverse organizations and stakeholders for stewardship and community service. There will also be a **Public Service Award**, which will recognize organizations

or individuals that have created or advocated for sustainable advancement in the AAPI community.

Nominations and registration for the Heritage Awards are now open and will be accepted through **May 4, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.** Interested Marylanders can submit individuals and businesses for awards by filling out the [nomination form](#), which will also be available at marylandcomptroller.gov.

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