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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR
FILIPINO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS (PAFIOO)**



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Nominations are now open for the 2026 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas (PAFIOO) from December 11, 2025 to May 29, 2026 (Philippine time).

The PAFIOO is a biennial search to honor and recognize overseas Filipinos and other individuals or organizations who contribute to Philippine development initiatives or promote the cause and interest of the Filipino diaspora/overseas Filipino communities.

The awards are also given to overseas Filipinos who have notably excelled in their professions and have brought pride to the Filipino nation. Additionally, there is a specific category for foreign individuals or organizations that have made exceptional contributions to the Philippines and advanced the causes of overseas Filipino communities.

Since its establishment in 1991, the seven Presidents of the Republic of the Philippines have given the awards to 555 individuals and organizations from 55 countries and territories.

Nominees have the opportunity to apply for any of the **four award categories** available.

1. **Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino (LINKAPIL) Award** – conferred on overseas Filipino individuals or organizations for their significant contributions to the development of a particular sector/local community **in the Philippines**.

2. **Banaag Award** – This award is conferred on overseas Filipino individuals or organizations for their significant contributions **in the host country** that have benefited and advanced the cause and interest of the **Filipino diaspora/overseas Filipino community**.
3. **Pamana ng Pilipino Award** – conferred on overseas Filipino individuals who, in exemplifying the talent and industry of the Filipino, have brought the country honor and recognition through **excellence and distinction in the pursuit of their work or profession**.
4. **Kaanib ng Bayan Award** – conferred **only for natural-born foreign individuals or foreign organizations** for their significant contributions to Philippine development or a particular sector/local community in the country, and for advancing the cause of the Filipino diaspora/overseas Filipino community.

All nominations shall be coursed through the Embassy of the Philippines or the Philippine Consulate General, which has jurisdiction over the place of residence, work, or operations of the individual or organization nominee for review and endorsement. Original copy of the duly **endorsed** nominations and supporting documents must be submitted not later than **29 May 2026 (Philippine time)** to:

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c/o: Policy, Planning, and Research Division
COMMISSION ON FILIPINOS OVERSEAS
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The detailed Guidelines for the 2026 PAFIOO, Step-by-Step Guide for Completing the Nomination Forms, prescribed forms, and samples of other requirements are available for download at <https://presidentialawards.cfo.gov.ph/>.

For questions and other concerns, please contact **Mr. Michael A. Apattad or Rozelle P. Carrera of the PAFIOO Secretariat** at pafioo@cfo.gov.ph. For timely advisories and more information about the awards, follow the PAFIOO Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/gawadpangulo>.
