



*Nominate organizations and individuals who make extraordinary contributions to workplace safety and health in Oregon and SW Washington (Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, Wahkiakum).*

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## GOSH Conference Awards

**To apply, nominee's primary place of business must be Oregon or SW Washington. Nominees will compete with like-sized organizations.**

**Award recipients will be presented in these categories:**

- › Workplace Safety Program
- › Association (must have members)
- › Safety Committee
- › Safety/Health/Wellness Team
- › Innovation
- › Safety/Health/Wellness Advocate
- › Labor Representative (union or nonunion)
- › Safety and Health Professional
- › Rising Safety Star
- › Business Leader

**Nominations due: Friday, Oct. 12, 2026 at 10 p.m.**

**Awards presented on Tuesday, March 2, 2027,  
at the GOSH Awards Luncheon**

**Award questions: Kim Gamble, 503-705-6014,  
or email [Oregon.GOSH@dcbs.oregon.gov](mailto:Oregon.GOSH@dcbs.oregon.gov)**

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The GOSH Conference is a joint effort of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), Columbia-Willamette Chapter, and Oregon OSHA, a division of the Department of Consumer and Business Services.



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# Nomination Form

**Instructions:** Complete and submit this nomination form and the specific information indicated for each category.

### Select award category for nomination:

- Workplace Safety Program
- Association (must have members)
- Safety Committee
- Safety/Health/Wellness Team
- Innovation
- Safety/Health/Wellness Advocate
- Labor Representative
- Safety and Health Professional
- Rising Safety Star
- Business Leader

### Nominees compete with like-sized organizations:

Provide the number of employees or members: \_\_\_\_\_ List your industry: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Seasonal employment and temporary agencies may use average number of employees.)*

› **Person or organization being nominated:** \_\_\_\_\_

Job role or title (if individual): \_\_\_\_\_

Is the nominee aware of this nomination?  Yes  No

Nominee contact person (if organization award): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee company: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee email: \_\_\_\_\_

› **Person making nomination:** \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to nominee \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this award opportunity? \_\_\_\_\_  
*(insurance carrier, self, employer, etc.)*

Did this entity/person receive a GOSH award in 2023 or 2025? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please email or mail completed nomination forms and information by 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, 2026, to:**

**Oregon GOSH Conference**  
**Attn: Awards Committee**  
 PO Box 5640  
 Salem, OR 97304-0640

**Scan and email to:** Oregon.GOSH@dcbs.oregon.gov

**We will confirm receipt of your nomination by phone or email. Nominations received after Oct. 12 will not be accepted.**

**Office use only**  
 Notification of receipt sent

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
*(initial)* *(date)*

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# Submission Tip Sheet

*Below are some tips to help with your submission.*

## Be sure to review the checklist of required items:

- Complete the Nomination Form and attach as cover sheet.
- Place each question in the nomination above your answer to keep on track. Be sure to thoroughly answer each question on the nomination submission sheet. Verify the information is accurate.
- Provide statistical information, if appropriate.
- Limit your nomination question responses and supporting materials/appendices to five pages (using a legible 12-point font). Material beyond five pages or links will not be considered.**
- Submit the nomination by the 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, 2026, deadline.

## Use examples

Specific examples can help the judges better understand your nomination. For instance, when you describe an individual as passionate or caring about safety, share **how** they demonstrate those qualities.

## What sets this person or organization apart?

Include enough information to allow judges to understand how and why your nominee is special. Back up claims with facts, examples, or challenges. Hint: What does this person or organization do that is **above and beyond** basic compliance and standard business or job responsibilities for safety and health?

## Enlist help

Another set of eyes can help ensure you are presenting information clearly and with enough detail. Consider recruiting others who know your organization to help review or even write your submission. It is not recommended that multiple nominations for the same person be submitted.

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# Workplace Safety Program

*This award recognizes workplace activities or projects that resulted in an outstanding contribution to occupational safety and health.*

Small, mid-size, and large employers are encouraged to apply. Employers will compete with like-sized companies. Several award recipients are expected in this category.

## Instructions:

Limit answers to the specific questions and supporting materials to a maximum of five typewritten pages (12-point font).

## Please respond to each of the following in numeric order:

1. **Provide a description** of the nominee's industry. This is not scored — please be brief.
2. **Give examples** of how the employer dealt with unique business or industry safety and health challenges.
3. Tell us about the safety culture. **Describe** employee engagement, management commitment, and accountability. **Give examples.**
4. **Describe** the training opportunities, wellness programs, or other activities the employer has in place to promote occupational safety and health.
5. **Discuss** how success is measured. Include statistical information to support improvement. How did this improve the safety and health success/performance?
  - 5a. If the nominee was a GOSH award recipient in this category at the 2023 or 2025 GOSH Conference, what have they done to show continuous improvement? If not applicable indicate N/A.
6. What do your executive and senior leaders do to demonstrate support for your workplace safety program? **Provide examples** of visible actions/activities.

## Checklist

- Complete the Nomination Form and attach as cover sheet.
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## Safety Committee

*This award recognizes the work of safety committees that made substantial efforts in the prevention of workplace injury and illness.*

(Safety committee as defined by OAR 437-001-0765, "Rules for Workplace Safety Committees")

Safety committees, regardless of the number of employees in the organization or number of members in the association, are encouraged to apply. Nominees will compete with like-sized organizations and associations. Several award recipients are expected in this category. This award category includes formal safety committees. The Awards Committee will be looking for examples that demonstrate performance above and beyond regulatory compliance.

### Instructions:

Limit answers to the specific questions and supporting materials to a maximum of five typewritten pages (12-point font).

### Please respond to each of the following in numeric order:

1. **Provide a description** of the nominee's industry. This is not scored — please be brief.
2. **Give examples** of how the employer dealt with unique business or industry safety and health challenges.
3. **Explain** how employees/members are empowered to participate in the group's activities.
4. **Describe** collaboration with employees and management to advance the safety culture.
5. **Describe** accomplishments, projects, or recommendations that had a significant impact on the safety and health/wellness of workers in the organization. Include in your answer information to support improvement.
  - 5a. If the nominee was a GOSH award recipient in this category at the 2023 or 2025 GOSH Conference, what have they done to show continuous improvement? If not applicable indicate N/A.
6. What do your executive and senior leaders do to demonstrate support for your workplace safety program? **Provide examples** of visible actions/activities.

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# Safety/Health/Total Worker Health Team

*This award category is for safety/health/wellness teams that are not an organizations required safety committee. Examples include a single organization's wellness team or a cross employer/organization safety, health or wellness team.*

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Teams, regardless of the number of employees in the organization or number of members in the association, are encouraged to apply. Several award recipients are expected in this category. The Awards Committee will be looking for examples that demonstrate performance above and beyond regulatory compliance.

## Instructions:

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## Please respond to each of the following in numeric order:

1. **Provide a description** of the nominee's industry. This is not scored — please be brief.
2. **Give examples** of how the employer or team dealt with unique business or industry safety and health challenges.
3. **Explain** how employees/members are empowered to participate in the group's activities.
4. **Describe** collaboration with employees and management to advance the safety culture.
5. **Describe** accomplishments, projects, or recommendations that had a significant impact on the safety and health/wellness of workers in the organization. Include in your answer information to support improvement.
  - 5a. If the nominee was a GOSH award recipient in this category at the 2023 or 2025 GOSH Conference, what have they done to show continuous improvement? If not applicable indicate N/A.
6. What do your executive and senior leaders do to demonstrate support for your workplace safety program? **Provide examples** of visible actions/activities.

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# Association

*This award recognizes associations (with members) who actively promote workplace safety, health, and/or wellness.*

**This category is open to trade, and professional organizations that include paid or volunteer staff. Associations nominated must have members that extend beyond a semi-formalized group of organizations or individuals with a shared interest.**

## Instructions:

Limit answers to the specific questions and supporting materials to a maximum of five typewritten pages (12-point font).

## Please respond to each of the following in numeric order:

1. **Provide a description** of the nominee's industry. This is not scored — please be brief.
2. **Give examples** of how the association provided resources or helped members deal with the unique safety, health, and/or wellness challenges of the industry.
3. **Describe** any occupational safety, health, and/or wellness educational programs or activities the association has provided for its members. Include innovations, recent activity, and accomplishments.
4. How does the association communicate occupational safety, health, and/or wellness programs and issues to its membership? **Give examples.**
5. How is commitment and engagement of association members demonstrated in occupational safety, health, and/or wellness programs and activities? **Give examples.**
  - 4a. If the nominee was a GOSH award recipient in this category at the 2023 or 2025 GOSH Conference, what have they done to show continuous improvement? If not applicable indicate N/A.
6. **Describe** how the association's work has changed the industry.

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› **Safety/Health or  
Wellness Advocate  
individual**

› **Labor Representative  
(union or nonunion)**

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These awards are for individuals whose primary job responsibilities are NOT safety, health, and/or wellness, yet they've made a significant contribution to the field of occupational safety, health, and/or wellness.

### **Instructions:**

Limit answers to the specific questions and supporting materials to a maximum of five typewritten pages (12-point font).

### **Please respond to each of the following in numeric order:**

1. **Give a description** of the industry and the nominee's role in the organization. This is not scored — please be brief.
2. **Give examples** of how the nominee dealt with unique business or industry safety, health, and/or wellness challenges?
3. **Describe** the activities the nominee has developed or implemented that improve occupational safety, health, or wellness.
4. **Provide** information, publications, training and educational programs, research, procedures, etc., that the nominee created, designed, or improved, and how that improved performance.
5. How does the nominee demonstrate leadership, passion, and/or dedication to safety and health and communicate that information? **Give examples.**
  - 5a. If the nominee was a GOSH award recipient in this category at the 2023 or 2025 GOSH Conference, what have they done to show continuous improvement? If not applicable indicate N/A.

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# Safety and Health Professional

This award is intended for an individual whose primary job responsibilities are safety and health. Individuals do not need to possess professional credentials.

## Instructions:

Limit answers to the specific questions and supporting materials to a maximum of five typewritten pages (12-point font).

## Please respond to each of the following in numeric order:

1. **Give a description** of the industry and the nominee's role in the organization. This is not scored — please be brief.
2. What are the unique safety, health, and wellness challenges to the business or industry of the nominee? **Give examples** of how the nominee dealt with those challenges.
3. **Describe** the activities the nominee has developed or implemented that improve occupational safety, health, and wellness above and beyond minimum regulatory compliance.
4. **Provide** information, publications, training and educational programs, research, procedures, etc., that the nominee created, designed, or improved, and how that improved performance.
5. How does the nominee demonstrate leadership, passion, and/or dedication to safety and health and communicate that information? **Give examples.**
  - 5a. If the nominee was a GOSH award recipient in this category at the 2023 or 2025 GOSH Conference, what have they done to show continuous improvement? If not applicable indicate N/A.

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# Innovation

*This award recognizes the employee or team who creates an idea, a product, or a concept that promotes a safer workplace.*

These awards are for individuals or teams who heightened the awareness of a safety concern, created a product that helped mitigate risk, or implemented a unique practice to advance safety and health.

## Instructions:

Limit answers to the specific questions and supporting materials to a maximum of five typewritten pages (12-point font).

## Please respond to each of the following in numeric order:

1. **Describe the innovation:** Is the idea, product, or concept one that has never been seen before? Is it an improvement on a current idea or concept?
2. **Describe the creativity:** How did the idea, product, or concept require thinking outside the box?
3. **Describe** how the innovation improves safety performance and reduces potential injury.
4. **Describe the feasibility:** Is the idea, product, or concept cost effective? Could cost be considered an investment?
5. **Describe the results:** Will the idea, product, or concept show immediate and or long-term gains to lower risk or avoid injury? Will the innovation be shared with others?
6. **Share** what group or individuals will utilize the innovation and **describe** the training required for use of the innovation.

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# Rising Safety Star

This award is intended for a safety and health professional with less than five years of experience in safety and health and is blazing a path in the profession. This award is intended for an individual whose primary job responsibilities are safety and health.

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## Please respond to each of the following in numeric order:

1. **Give a description** of the industry and the nominee's role in the organization. This is not scored — please be brief.
2. What are the unique safety, health, and wellness challenges to the business or industry of the nominee? **Give examples** of how the nominee dealt with those challenges.
3. **Describe** the activities the nominee has developed or implemented that improve occupational safety, health, and wellness.
4. **Provide** information, publications, training and educational programs, research, procedures, etc., that the nominee created, designed, or improved, and how that improved performance.
5. **How** does the nominee demonstrate leadership, passion, and/or dedication to safety, health, and wellness, and communicate that information?
  - 5a. If the nominee was a GOSH award recipient in this category at the 2023 or 2025 GOSH Conference, what have they done to show continuous improvement? If not applicable indicate N/A.

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# Business Leader

This award is intended to recognize a business leader whose job is not safety and health but demonstrates extraordinary commitment to safety and health within their business and/or industry.

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## Please respond to each of the following in numeric order:

1. **Give a description** of the industry and the nominee's role in the organization. This is not scored — please be brief.
2. **Give examples** of how the nominee supported/engaged with the unique safety, health, and wellness challenges in the business or industry.
3. **What has this business leader done** to advance a positive safety culture and demonstrate their passion and dedication for safety and health?
4. **How does the team view/embrace** what the business leader communicates and demonstrates about workplace safety and health culture?
5. **What has this leader done** to positively influence other leaders in the company or industry related to safety and health?
  - 5a. If the nominee was a GOSH award recipient in this category at the 2023 or 2025 GOSH Conference, what have they done to show continuous improvement? If not applicable indicate N/A.

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