

**ANTHONY "TONY" GOBAR, SR.  
JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AWARDS**

**OFFICIAL NOMINATION BALLOT**

Please use this form to nominate individuals for recognition in one of the listed award categories. Refer to the accompanying list to select the appropriate category. Submit the completed form along with the all supporting materials.

*SUBMIT ALL APPLICATIONS BY JULY 11, 2025 BY EMAILING  
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**Individual Making Nomination:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Will you be attending the symposium?*

**Nominee Information:**

*Will nominee be attending the symposium?*

**Name/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer Name/Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

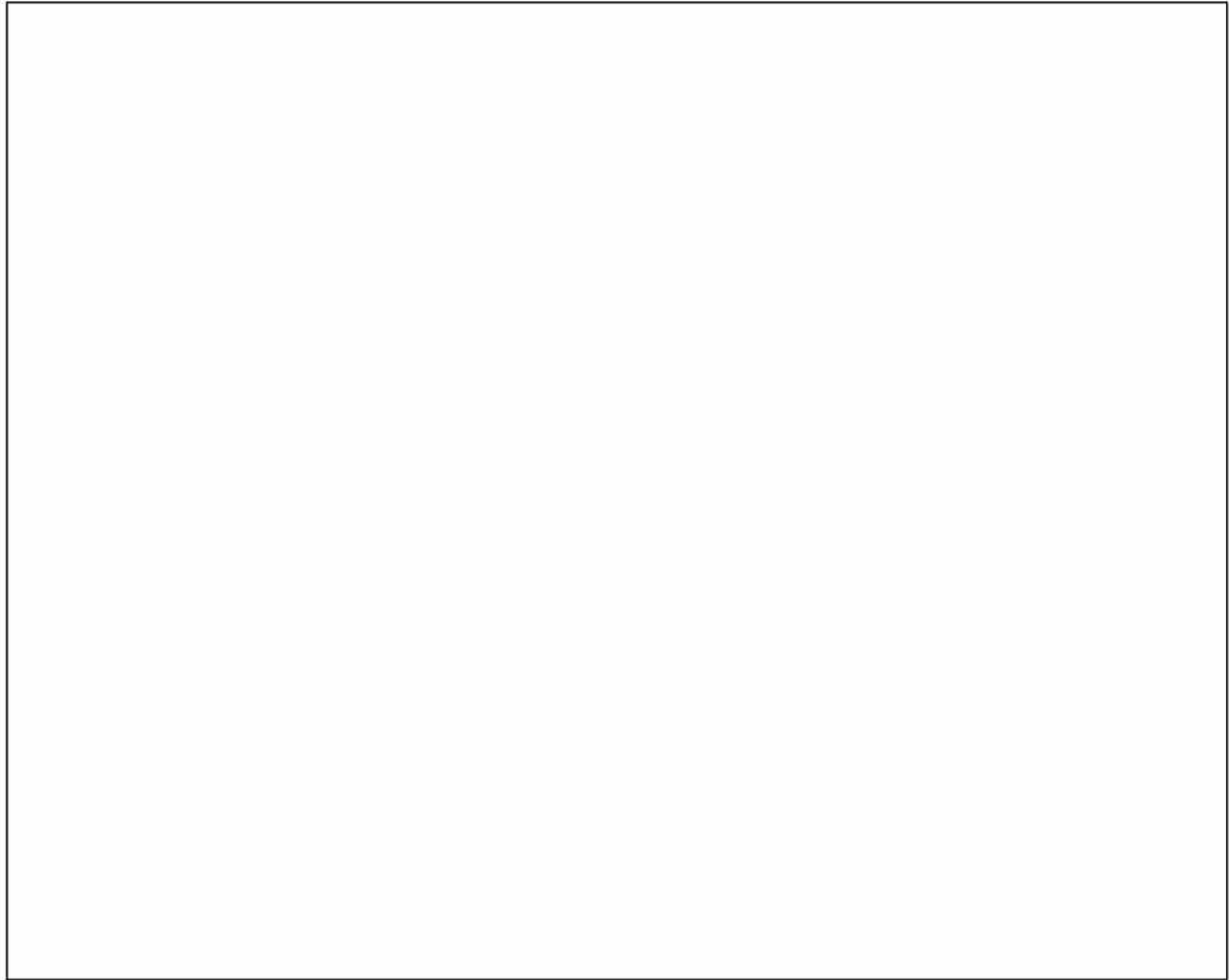
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**Nomination Category:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Years of experience in Juvenile Justice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**A. What are the reasons you feel the nominee is worthy of this recognition? Be complete. Please use the remainder of this page to outline the exemplary service that supports your judgment that the nominee deserves the respective distinguished service award. (For Spirit of Youth Award - Please complete Section C)**



**B. Support letters for the nomination (A minimum of one, not including the nominating person.): The person making the nomination is responsible for collecting these letters and sending them as part of the completed nomination package. Also, we will accept support letters via email. They must arrive on or prior to the deadline.**

**C. Please answer the following questions about your Spirit of Youth nominee in detail.**

**(USE ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY)**

**1. How has the nominee transformed his or her life in a positive way?**

**2. What were some obstacles this person overcame?**

**3. What contributions has this person made in his or her community?**

**4. Why are you nominating this person for the Spirit of Youth Award?**

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## Categories

### **Spirit of Youth Award**

*This award recognizes and celebrates a young adult who has made significant strides after their involvement in the juvenile justice system, has overcome personal challenges, and is now making important contributions to society. This award offers the MJJAC and the public a valuable opportunity to learn from a young person's firsthand experience about the hard work and dedication required to build a better life, as well as how juvenile justice professionals and systems can most effectively assist.*

*The award recipient must meet the following criteria: be under the age of 28, not be a member of the MSJJAC, have been involved in the court system as a juvenile offender, and currently be engaged, directly or indirectly, in improving the lives of at-risk youth.*

### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

*This award recognizes exceptional lifetime contributions and achievements in the Juvenile Justice System. To qualify for this award, individuals must have at least 25 years of service in juvenile justice or closely related agencies.*

### **Most Distinguished Law Enforcement Officer**

*This award is designated for sworn law enforcement officers, who may include juvenile officers. The recipient of this award will have demonstrated support and commitment to both the spirit and the letter of the Mississippi Youth Court Act.*

### **Most Distinguished Support Professional to the Juvenile Justice System**

*This award is designated for professionals outside of juvenile justice. These professionals may include mental health specialists, the Employment Security Commission, the Department of Human Services, public health officials, school attendance officers, educators, and others. The recipient will have demonstrated an outstanding record of collaborating with juvenile justice professionals to help ensure compliance with the Mississippi Youth Court Act and/or serve youths who fall under the Youth Court Act's jurisdiction.*

### **Most Distinguished Volunteer in Juvenile Justice**

*This award is designated for volunteers, individuals, organizations, or businesses that have generously and selflessly contributed their resources to the cause of juvenile justice.*

### **Most Distinguished Juvenile Justice Counselor**

*This award is designated for juvenile court counselors or institutional counselors. The recipient must demonstrate an exemplary record of effort while working with youth in a planned change process.*

### **Judge Thomas H. Broome Distinguished Juvenile Justice Professional**

*This award is designated for employees of the juvenile justice system, excluding Juvenile Justice Counselors. For example, DYS administrators, judges, institutional administrators and staff, intake officers, court administrators, volunteer coordinators, prosecutors, public defenders, referees, and others are eligible for this award. The recipient must have demonstrated exemplary contributions to the cause of juvenile justice as mandated by the Mississippi Youth Court Act.*

### **Dr. Larry Leflore Juvenile Justice Advocacy Award**

*This award will be presented to a deserving individual who has advanced the cause of juvenile justice. Their contributions to the theory and philosophy of juvenile justice, as well as the service delivery system, will be exceptional. Nominees may be involved in either the juvenile justice system or other related areas. Organizations may also be eligible for this award recognition.*

### **Most Distinguished Legislator for Juvenile Justice causes**

*This award is intended for state senators and representatives who advocate for juvenile justice causes in the State of Mississippi. Recipients of this award will have shown a commitment to supporting juvenile justice within the legislature.*