

# 2026 Flora Award Nomination Forms

Thank you for submitting a nomination for the 2026 Flora Awards All nominations will be reviewed by a committee and awards will be given at the Flora Awards Celebration on DATE. Completed nominations are due by July 1, 2026 at 11:59pm.

## **Inspiration for the Flora Award**

[Flora Amalia Stone Mather](#) (April 8, 1852 – January 19, 1909) was a prominent woman philanthropist and advocate supporting many religious, social welfare, and educational institutions in Cleveland with a passion for the poor, women, and children. Credited with establishing the Goodrich House settlement, one of the first settlement houses for poor immigrants, Flora gave of her time and energy as well as her money—and never sought credit for her many contributions. In her quiet modest way, with a spirit of generosity and kindness, she worked tirelessly to better society. An advocate for coeducation, Flora became the leading benefactor and supporter of Western Reserve University's College for Women. Her generosity and enthusiastic engagement in the life of the school was crucial in reestablishing coeducation in the city's leading educational institution. In 1931 Western Reserve University's College for Women was renamed the Flora Stone Mather College for Women in her honor. At the time of her death in 1909, Flora left bequests to over 30 educational, religious and charitable institutions.

Flora Stone Mather's legacy is engraved in the history of Case Western University and lives on through the Flora Stone Mather Center for Women. Flora's advancement of women's education, generous philanthropy and passionate community work will be honored through the Flora Awards.

## **Flora Awards**

The Flora Award honors the philanthropic spirit and community service of Flora Stone Mather. This award recognizes those who, like Flora Stone Mather, address problems in their community and work innovatively and tirelessly to solve them through significant philanthropic and communal service and other acts of generosity. Flora's work centered on supporting the physical, emotional, spiritual and intellectual needs of women and children.

The Flora Award represents Flora's spirit of kindness, generosity and advancement of women's education. In preserving her legacy we are rewarding individuals, who like Flora, believe in, and act for, the betterment of society. There are six categories for nomination, including faculty, staff, graduate/professional student, undergraduate student, alumna, and community leader. A Lifetime Achievement Award will also be given each year at the ceremony. These awards are open to all, regardless of sex.

The Mather Center will also make every effort to award winners from a variety of the schools at CWRU, including the Case School of Engineering, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, the School of Dental Medicine, the School of Law, the School of Medicine, and the Weatherhead School of Management.

## Eligibility

1. Must meet one of the categories for nomination (Faculty, Staff, Graduate/Professional Student, Undergraduate Student, Alumna, and Community Leader)

2. Must honor the legacy of Flora Stone Mather by embodying at least one way of demonstrated impact in advocating for equality for women at the university, campus and/or Cleveland community level:

- Advocating for the equality of women in education and leadership,
- Supporting women through their gift of time through volunteerism,
- Supporting women's equality through their philanthropy (either personal or institutional), and
- Commitment to honoring the unique backgrounds and experiences of women

As you complete the nomination form, please keep in mind that the information you present is the information the selection committee will use. Complete and thorough responses increase the success of the candidate's nomination. All fields are required. Please indicate unknown or "n/a" for items not applicable.

\* Indicates required question

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## Who is being nominated?

1. Name of Nominee \*

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2. Email for nominee \*

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3. Category (more than one may be selected if applicable) \*

*Check all that apply.*

- Faculty
- Staff
- Undergraduate Student
- Graduate/Professional Student
- Alum
- Community Member
- Lifetime Achievement Award

**Who is making the nomination?**

Anonymous nominations cannot be accepted for this award

4. Name of Nominator \*

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5. Email of Nominator \*

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6. How do you know the nominee? \*

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Nominee's Contributions

7. How does the nominee honor the legacy of Flora Stone Mather? They should embody at least one of the values listed below in relationship to women at the university, campus, and/or Cleveland community level (check all that apply) \*

*Check all that apply.*

- Advocating for the advancement of women's education and leadership
- Supporting women with their gift of time through volunteerism
- Supporting women through their philanthropy (either personal or institutional)
- Commitment to honoring the unique backgrounds and experiences of women

8. How do the nominee's achievements or activities exemplify the values and spirit of Flora Stone Mather? \*

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9. Is there any additional information you would like to provide about the candidate you are nominating? \*

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10. Though not required, you may include letters of recommendation, press releases, news articles, and biographical information about the nominee. Please attach any materials here. \*

Files submitted:

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