



RULES AND DEFINITIONS FOR NJ REALTORS®
REALTOR® OF THE YEAR AWARD

This program involves the selection of the REALTOR® member who has contributed the most to the advancement of his/her community and the cause of REALTORS®, as well as had significant involvement in humanitarian services. The individual selected by each local board/association will be honored by NJ REALTORS® as the REALTOR® or REALTOR-ASSOCIATE® OF THE YEAR.

SELECTION

NJ REALTORS® recommends that local boards/associations choose their REALTOR® OF THE YEAR nominees via a special selection committee appointed by the local board/association president. The recommended size of the committee is three members, including the Chairman.

After local boards/associations choose their candidates, they are to submit a completed nomination forms online at <https://apply.njrealtor.com/forms/roty> on or before July 24, 2026.

JUDGING STANDARDS — REALTORS®

The NJ REALTORS® REALTOR® of the Year nominees will be judged on the following categories. When choosing your candidates, please note that “Community Services and Involvement and/or Humanitarian Services” and “Local Board Activity” are two of the most heavily weighted categories during the scoring process.

1. REALTOR® "SPIRIT": Faithfulness to bylaws/regulations of the Code of Ethics and his or her local board/association; furtherance of principles of good real estate practice among other REALTORS® and the general public.
2. LOCAL BOARD ACTIVITY: Board offices held; committee membership and chairmanships; seminar activity; educational programs and other special assignments; membership and offices held in local chapters or institutes, etc.
3. STATE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY: Offices and chairmanships held (with dates); committee work; involvement with seminars and special assignments; attendance at NJ REALTORS® conventions and educational conferences.
4. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®: National office and committee work (with dates); involvement with Institutes, Societies and Councils; designations received such as CRS, CRB, CCIM, GRI, etc; attendance at National Convention, Directors' meetings, etc.

5. BUSINESS ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Recognized for good business conduct, service to clients and fellow REALTORS®, creative and imaginative business skills in sales and advertising programs, rehabilitation work, land utilization, etc.; include industry-related affiliations, directorships, trusteeships, designations etc.

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INVOLVEMENT AND/OR HUMANITARIAN SERVICES: Activities connected with work for youth and religious groups etc.; cultural contributions to the community; civic club memberships and offices held; public welfare campaigns; programs to benefit Senior Citizens; political offices held such school, tax, planning, zoning boards, etc. Humanitarian Services include Good Samaritan deeds; helping others in distress or need.

PERIOD COVERED

The nominee must have participated in the aforementioned activities during the period he/she has been a REALTOR® or REALTOR-ASSOCIATE®, with a substantial amount of activity completed during 2023/2024.

RECOGNITION OF WINNER

Local board/association winners along with NJ REALTORS® winner will receive plaques recognizing their achievements at the 2026 Triple Play REALTOR® Convention & Trade Expo held in Atlantic City, NJ in December. NJ REALTORS® will notify the state winners in September 2026.