

PRESS RELEASE

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR FILIPINO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS



The Commission on Filipinos Overseas is pleased to inform the public that nomination is now open for the **2024 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas (PAFIOO)**.

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 exceptionally distinguished themselves in their work or profession, and have thereby brought pride to the Filipino nation. A distinct category in the awards is also reserved for foreign individuals or organizations for their exceptional contribution to the Philippines and for advancing the cause of overseas Filipino communities.

Since its establishment in 1991, the awards have already been bestowed upon 541 individuals and organizations overseas based in 55 countries and territories by the Presidents of the Republic of the Philippines.

The PAFIOO has four (4) award categories as follows:

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 foreign individuals (natural-born) 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 **30 May 2024 (Philippine time)** to:

PAFIOO SECRETARIAT
c/o: Policy, Planning, and Research Division
COMMISSION ON FILIPINOS OVERSEAS
21st Floor The Upper Class Tower, Quezon Avenue corner Scout Reyes Street,
Brgy. Paligsahan, Diliman, Quezon City, 1103 Metro Manila, Philippines

The detailed **Guidelines for the 2024 PAFIOO, Step-by-Step Guide for Completing the Nomination Forms, prescribed forms, and samples of other requirements** are available for download at www.presidentalawards.cfo.gov.ph.

For questions and other concerns, please contact **Mr. Rodrigo V. Garcia, Jr. or Joanna Lyn S. Rodriguez of the PAFIOO Secretariat** through the email address pafioo@cfo.gov.ph. For timely advisories and more information about the awards, follow the **PAFIOO Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/gawadpangulo/>.
