



2016 Congressional Award Ceremony Pennsylvania Statewide

Sunday, April 10, 2016 | Temple University's Science and Research Center | Philadelphia, PA

Frequently Asked Questions

Should you have any additional questions about the ceremony, please contact North Program Manager Kirsten Gooden at (202) 226-0130 or gooden@congressionalaward.org.

1. *When/where is the ceremony being held?*

The ceremony will be held on **Sunday, April 10, 2016** at Temple University's [Science and Research Center](#) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The event will begin promptly at **2 p.m.** and **medalists will need to arrive no later than 1 p.m.** There will be a reception following the ceremony.

Please see the [map of Temple](#). The Science and Research Center is point 45 on the map.

[Science and Research Center](#)

N 12th St. (NE side of campus at 12th and Pollett Walk)
Philadelphia, PA 19122

2. *What will the ceremony be like?*

This ceremony is dedicated to you! Leaders in the public and private sectors, family and friends, and supporters of the Congressional Award will convene to celebrate your achievement. The ceremony will run much like a graduation commencement – with our host Congressman Boyle, emcee Natasha Brown of CBS3, guest speakers, members of Congress, and event sponsors. You will be seated among your peers and receive words of congratulations and encouragement, followed by the presentation of your Congressional Award medal.

3. *Where should I park and where is the closest public transportation stop?*

The Montgomery Parking garage is about 1.5 blocks away, and they have hourly rates. There is some street parking available near campus as well.

The Cecil B. Moore subway stop is a 10 minute walk from the Science Building.

4. *How many guests can I bring to the ceremony? Should I inform the Congressional Award of who I plan to bring?*

Participants are encouraged to bring guests, each participant may bring two guests. If you plan on bringing more than three guests please contact Kirsten Gooden by email with your request at gooden@congressionalaward.org. You do not need to provide the names of your guests to the National Office.



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5. *Can I invite my school's principal/administration?*

Yes. We welcome your school's administration to help celebrate your success. **Please note, it is your responsibility to invite your school's principal and/or administration and include the contact information on the RSVP form.**

6. *What is the proper attire for the ceremony?*

The dress code for the event is business attire. This is defined as a coat and tie for men, business suit/dress for women. Formal gowns or prom dresses however will not be appropriate. Participants are encouraged to make conservative clothing choices. Please do not wear flip flops or tennis shoes for the award ceremony.

7. *Will there be a photographer present? Can my family take photos?*

A photographer will be on hand to take pictures of the event, specifically each medalist as they are presented with their medals. There will also be group photos taken following the ceremony and prior to the reception. Ceremony photos will be provided to each participant. We understand that capturing the presentation of the medal is very important; however, the ceremony will not be halted or slowed to facilitate photography except for the photographer hired to take pictures of the event. As long as the photography does not interfere or obstruct the ceremony, family members may take photos.

8. *What time should I arrive for the ceremony?*

Medalists should arrive no later than an hour before the scheduled start time of 2 p.m. This is to ensure that medalists will have time to participate in a ceremony rehearsal. Medalists will check in between **1 and 1:15 p.m.**; Guests and family will be granted access to the event space at **1:45 p.m.**

9. *When should I RSVP by and to whom?*

All RSVP's must be in no later than Monday, March 28, 2016. Please RSVP to North Program Manager Kirsten Gooden if you have not done so through the online form. Faxing or emailing is strongly encouraged to expedite this process.

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