





# COLORADO CHAMPIONS AWARDS

Honoring leaders advancing the rights of every Coloradan

*CCLP's signature event*

On November 20, 2025, Colorado Center on Law and Policy (CCLP) will host the **Colorado Champions Awards** at *Skylight* in Denver's Santa Fe Arts District. This community-connected celebratory awards reception will recognize individuals and organizations whose leadership has advanced equity, justice, and opportunity in Colorado while raising vital resources to sustain CCLP's mission and continue the fight against poverty in our state.

The evening will have a cocktail hour featuring appetizers from Organic Roots. Guests are welcome to network and converse among Colorado's legal, political, philanthropic, and civic leaders. The program will shift into a prestigious awards ceremony: our 12<sup>th</sup> annual awards reception, **Colorado Champions Awards**—formerly known as the Champions of Economic Justice & Equity Awards—highlighting champions whose stories inspire action and show the power of community partnership. Guests will also hear from CCLP leadership and distinguished special guests, including policymakers and advocates.

Colorado Champions Awards is more than an evening of recognition; it is a catalyst for change. By honoring the hard work of advocates, convening diverse leaders, and raising essential funds for the antipoverty movement, the event strengthens CCLP's impact across health care, food security, economic justice, and housing stability.

For sponsors, the Awards present a unique opportunity to demonstrate visible leadership in advancing justice and to stand alongside Colorado's most committed champions of change and the communities of people they represent.

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**Colorado Center on Law and Policy** is an antipoverty organization advancing the rights of every Coloradan.

We envision a Colorado where *everyone* has what they need to succeed.



# ABOUT THE PROGRAM

## Cocktail reception and networking

At its heart, the Colorado Champions Awards is a celebration with a purpose. Guests will enjoy a welcoming cocktail hour with appetizers provided by one of the top caterers in Colorado, Organic Roots, including vegan and vegetarian options. This time will provide the perfect opportunity for networking among peers, supporters, and partners. As the evening transitions into the formal awards program, attention will turn toward honoring the extraordinary individuals and organizations whose leadership and vision have made measurable differences in the lives of Coloradans. The powerful awards ceremony will recognize champions of equity and justice, those whose work mirrors CCLP's commitment to dismantling systemic barriers and building a more equitable future.

## Cocktail reception and networking

Our **Colorado Champions Awards** ceremony recognizes the *Colorado Legislator of the Year*, the *Colorado Partner Organization of the Year*, the *Colorado Advocate of the Year*, and the *Colorado Government Partner of the Year*. We will be unveiling these Champions over the course of the next few weeks, and we can't wait to share this incredible group of amazing champions with you. For the past 11 years, these awards—formerly known as the Champions of Economic Justice & Equity Awards—have been housed within our **Communities Against Poverty** event, but they've outgrown that setting and these awards will now be the centerpiece of this all-new event about our community champions and their incredible work in Colorado communities.

The program will strike a balance between gravitas and celebration: attendees will hear remarks from CCLP leadership and distinguished special guests and awardees. Acknowledgment of sponsors, donors, and board members will underscore the collaborative spirit that drives CCLP's work. The awards themselves will serve as the highlight of the evening, offering stories of resilience, advocacy, and progress that inspire continued commitment. We can't wait for you to join us for this special evening!

## Previous award winners

### [2024](#)

- *Partner Organization of the Year*: Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition
- *Legislator of the Year*: Representative Elizabeth Velasco
- *Government Partner of the Year*: Rebecca Balu
- *Community Advocate of the Year*: Cruz Ramirez

### [2023](#)

- *Community Partner Organization of the Year*: Colorado Consumer Health Initiative



- *Legislator of the Year*: Representative Andrew Boesenecker
- *Government Partner of the Year*: Christina Postolowski
- *Community Advocates of the Year*: Medical Debt Community Advocates – Misty Alire, Kayce Atencio, and Lindsey Vance

#### 2022

- *Community Partner Organization of the Year*: Expunge Colorado
- *Legislator of the Year*: Representative Monica Duran
- *Governmental Partner of the Year*: Katherine Keegan
- *Community Advocate of the Year*: Alma Vidauri



# SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Secure your [Colorado Champions Awards](#) sponsorship on our website or complete and return the attached form, with payment.

Level	Description	Presenting	Benefits
Premier Presenting Sponsor	Main event sponsor	\$8000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Logo Recognition</li><li>• Noted by name by the presenter at the start and end of the event</li><li>• Placement in the digital program</li><li>• Web and social media recognition</li><li>• Special shout-out from CCLP leadership</li><li>• 10 tickets to the event</li></ul>
Premier Supporting Sponsor	Secondary main event sponsor	\$5000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Logo Recognition</li><li>• Noted by name by the presenter at the start and end of the event</li><li>• Web and social media recognition</li><li>• 8 tickets to the event</li></ul>
Presenting Sponsor	Major event sponsor	\$3000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Logo Recognition</li><li>• Noted by name by the presenter at the start of the event</li><li>• Web and social media recognition</li><li>• 6 Tickets to the event</li></ul>
Table Sponsor	Buy a table for your company, your community, or your friends	\$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group tickets to the event</li><li>• Reserved seating at the same table</li><li>• Table signage &amp; visibility</li></ul>
Supporting Sponsor	Community partner/small non-profit partner	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Logo Recognition</li><li>• Reserved seating at the same table</li><li>• 2 tickets to the event</li></ul>
Custom levels and packages are available – Just ask Bruce Barnum!			

Sponsorship registration deadline: **November 13, 2025**. Send all artwork and form details to:

Bruce Barnum  
Partnership Advancement Director  
[bbarnum@COpolicy.org](mailto:bbarnum@COpolicy.org)  
303-573-5669, ext. 312.





# 2025 Colorado Champions Awards Sponsorship Registration Form

Submit your sponsorship online at [COpolicy.org](https://COpolicy.org) OR complete and submit this form. Sponsorship Registration & Artwork Due: **November 13, 2025**

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

**Organization** (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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	LEVEL	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTING
	Premier Presenting Sponsor	Main event sponsor	\$8000
	Premier Supporting Sponsor	Secondary main event sponsor	\$5000
	Presenting Sponsor	Major event sponsor	\$3000
	Table Sponsor	A table for a company, their community, or their friends	\$1000
	Supporting Sponsor	Community partner/ small non-profit partner	\$500

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