



Excellence in delivering equity in cancer care

2025 Jeannie Ferris Award Nomination Form

Cancer Australia is calling for nominations for the 2025 Jeannie Ferris Award.

The Jeannie Ferris Award recognises individuals who have made outstanding contributions to improving equity of outcomes for people with cancers in two categories:

- **Category 1** - Members of the community: those with personal experience of cancer, as a person with a diagnosis of cancer; or as a community member, family member, or carer who has been involved in the support and care of people with cancer.
- **Category 2** - Health professionals and researchers: researchers and health professionals of all disciplines involved in cancer research or clinical care, including (but not limited to) specialists, primary care practitioners, nursing and allied health professionals.

About the Award

Recognising excellence in improving equity of cancer outcomes

The Jeannie Ferris Award recognises sector achievements in reducing inequities in cancer control across all cancers.

The Jeannie Ferris Award aligns with the Australian Cancer Plan's goal of reducing inequities across all cancers and acknowledges the contributions of consumers, health professionals and researchers in improving outcomes for all Australians.

Established in 2013, the Jeannie Ferris Award is named after the late Jeannie Ferris, Senator for South Australia, who was passionately committed to raising awareness about gynaecological cancers. The Award continues Senator Ferris's legacy. Senator Ferris was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in October 2005 and passed away in April 2007.





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Eligibility criteria

1. The nominee must be an Australian resident.
2. The nominee must include a short biography of the nominee (no more than 500 words)
3. The nominee, or a member of their family, must give permission for the biographical details provided in the nomination to be used by Cancer Australia in any promotional material, should they be selected as an Awardee.
4. The nomination must include two written references that support the nominee's application.

A list of Frequently Asked Questions has been developed to assist nominations. We recommend that you refer to this before submitting a nomination. [Refer to the FAQs](#) at the end of this Nomination Form.

Lodging a nomination

Nominations may be made by any individual using the Nomination Form. Each nomination should address the selection criteria. Self-nominations are permitted. All nominations must be accompanied by references from two independent referees.

Nominations are to be sent to Cancer Australia:

By email (PDF attachment) to: jeannieferrisaward@canceraustralia.gov.au

Nominations must be received by 5pm (AEST) Friday, 11 April 2025. Late applications will not be considered.

Nominations will be reviewed by a Selection Committee which will provide a recommendation to the CEO and Cancer Australia Advisory Council.

The Awards will be announced in August 2025. Information about the successful Award recipients will be posted on the Cancer Australia website in August 2025.





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Nomination details

Name of nominee

Postal address

Phone number

Business name

Email address

Award Category (Please tick only one)

- Members of the community
- Health professionals or researcher

Name of nominator

Postal address of nominator

Phone number of nominator

Business name of nominator

Names of two referees

Family permission granted for deceased nominees

Yes

No





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Selection Criteria

Applications must demonstrate how the nominee meets the following criteria.

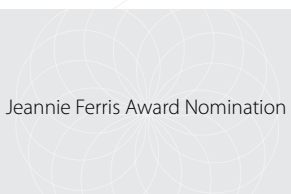
1. How has the nominee's work or service improved outcomes for people with cancers? Please provide specific examples. Maximum limit of 500 words.





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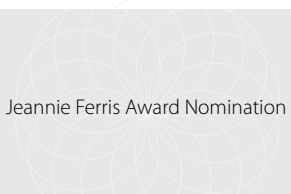
2. How has the nominee's contribution to people with cancer impacted a particular field, community or group? For example, has their contribution made a local, national and/or international impact? Please provide specific examples. Maximum limit of 500 words.





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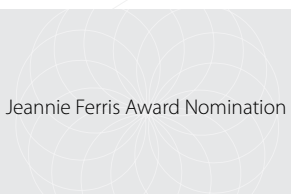
3. Has the nominee's work or service contributed to improving equity of outcomes, particularly for priority populations including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples? Please refer to [Australian Cancer Plan - Achieving Equity](#). Maximum limit of 500 words.





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4. What makes this person's contribution outstanding? Please provide specific examples (Note: this may include contributions outside their paid work or position). Include any previous awards and relevant committee memberships. Maximum limit of 500 words.





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5. Nominee eligibility checklist

1. Is the nominee an Australian resident?

Yes No

2. Have you included a short biography of the nominee (of no more than 500 words)?

Yes No

3. Has the nominee, or a member of their family, provided consent for the biographical details provided in their nomination to be used by Cancer Australia in any promotional material, should they be selected as an Awardee?

Yes No

4. Have you included two written references from referees outside of the nominee's immediate family that support the nominee's application, in the next section?

Yes No

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to be nominated for the Award?

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Can I nominate myself?

Yes. Self-nominations are permitted but must be accompanied by references from two independent referees. The referees must not be immediate family members.

How many Awards are given?

Two awards will be offered – one in the 'Members of the community' category and one in the 'Health Professionals and Researchers' category.





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If someone has been nominated for the Award previously, can they be nominated again?

Yes. Cancer Australia welcomes re-nomination of those who were unsuccessful in previous years. Previous recipients of the Award are not eligible for nomination.

I wish to nominate someone who has passed away. Is that possible?

Posthumous nominations will be accepted.

Can the nominee live outside Australia?

The nominee must be an Australian resident. A nomination of someone who contributes to improving outcomes for people with cancers in Australia would be favourably viewed by the Selection Committee. It is anticipated that the nominee will not live and work solely outside Australia.

What should be included in the biography?

It is designed to give the Selection Committee a snapshot or highlights of the nominee's experience, activities or career. If the nominee has published articles or material that you wish to bring to the attention of the Committee, an abridged list of key publications is preferred. The biography should not exceed 500 words.

Does the nominee need to approve the biography provided?

It is a condition of nomination that each nominee MUST give permission for the biographical details provided to be used by Cancer Australia in any promotional material, should they be selected as an Awardee. A note to this effect must accompany all nominations.

The suggested wording is:

This biography has been approved by the nominee and permission is given for the biographical details provided to be used by Cancer Australia in any promotional material about the Jeannie Ferris Award should they be selected as an Awardee.

In the instance that a nominee has passed away, a member of their family must provide consent for the biographical details and photos provided to be used by Cancer Australia in any promotional material, should they be selected as an Awardee.

Can someone be nominated more than once?

Yes. One nominee may be nominated by more than one person; however, each nomination must be supported by separate, independent references.





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How is the Award determined?

Nominations will be reviewed by a Selection Committee, which will provide a recommendation to the CEO and Cancer Australia Advisory Council for noting. Members of the Selection Committee are not eligible to be nominated for the Award and must decline if approached to do so.

How will the Award be announced?

The successful nominees in each category will be contacted by phone. Cancer Australia will liaise with the Awardees about the publication of their names and biographical details, on the website and through media, as appropriate. The details of the announcement will be discussed with Awardees.

