



## 2026 AFT Connecticut Awards Nomination Form

(Please check one box to indicate the award for which you are submitting a nomination)

### ☐ Unionist of the Year Award

Persons considered "eligible" for nomination for the award are those who contribute heavily to their local, the AFT Connecticut, the AFT, and the labor movement in general, **WITH THE EMPHASIS PLACED ON SERVICE TO THE AFT CONNECTICUT**. This award is presented annually to an individual whose service in the federation models the qualities and values we treasure most in the AFT Connecticut. The quality and quantity of their contributions sets them apart as exemplary.

### ☐ Joseph H. Soifer Award

Persons considered "eligible" for nomination for the award are those who contribute heavily to their local, the AFT Connecticut, the AFT, and the labor movement in general, **WITH THE EMPHASIS PLACED ON SERVICE TO THE LOCAL**, however, people who work full time for the local or state federation are not eligible. This award is presented annually to an individual whose service reflects the "spirit" of Joe Soifer. In the words of AFT Connecticut Vice President John Malsbenden, *"Always willing to do small, nitty-gritty tasks that seemed so insignificant, but without which organizations don't run, Joe was always there to do tasks that others overlooked....He would enable others to see the long view; to see the progress that has been made and the great gains that have been achieved."*

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Telephone No:

Local Name & Number:

How long has the nominee been a member?

What offices has the nominee held?

What committees has the nominee served and for how long?

Please list political activities in which the nominee has been involved:

Please list labor activities the nominee has been involved in:

Please list specific activities in which the nominee has been involved in providing service to:

a. The local

b. The AFT Connecticut

c. The AFT

Please list community service activities the nominee is, or has been involved in:

Person(s) making this nomination:

*please include email address(es) & phone number(s)*

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING DEADLINE:**

Completed applications form must be submitted on or before **April 1, 2026**. The deadline will be strictly adhered to and nominations must contain all of the required information; **no requests for missing information will be made.**

Send completed nomination forms to: [scholarships@aftct.org](mailto:scholarships@aftct.org)  
(make sure to **\*Save As\*** a copy of completed form before sending as an attachment)

**OR MAIL TO:**

**AFT Connecticut Awards Committee  
35 Marshall Road  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067**

Call the AFT Connecticut Office with any questions:  
(860) 257-9782

**AFT Connecticut Awards will be  
presented at the Business Convention.**