



Award Guidelines 2026

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1. About the ChangeMaker Awards

The *Charlie King* ChangeMaker Awards are an initiative of CatholicCare NT's NO MORE campaign, the Northern Territory's major primary prevention campaign to end domestic and family violence (DFV). The Awards celebrate the individuals and organisations across the NT who are doing extraordinary work in their communities to prevent violence and create safer, more equitable communities for all.

These Awards bear the name of Dr Charlie King AM because he embodies everything a ChangeMaker is. For more than two decades, Charlie (commentator, advocate, and one of the most respected voices in the Northern Territory) has used every platform available to him to take the message of ending domestic and family violence into communities across the NT, including as the founder of the NO MORE campaign.

Anyone can be a ChangeMaker: a community elder, a frontline worker, a sporting club, a school program, an advocacy organisation, a local business. If someone or something is making a meaningful difference to ending DFV in the NT, they deserve to be recognised.

2. Award Structure

Regional Awards

Awards are made on a region-by-region basis.

- One Regional ChangeMaker Award will be made per nomination region.
- If no valid nomination is received for a region, or the panel does not deem the nomination to meet the award criteria no award is made for that region.
- If multiple nominations are received for a region, the panel may recognise multiple award winners taking into consideration the nominees role and sector.

NT ChangeMaker Award

One overall NT ChangeMaker Award is made each year. This is the highest recognition in the program.

- The NT Award winner is selected from among all Regional Award recipients.
- The NT Award winner may be an individual or an organisation.
- The NT Award winner (or 1 x organisational representative) will be flown (if required) to Darwin to be presented with their award at the NO MORE Casuarina March on 4 December 2026.

3. Eligibility

Who Can Be Nominated

- Any individual living or working in the Northern Territory.
- Any organisation, group, program, or initiative operating in the Northern Territory.
- Nominees do not need to be affiliated with any particular organisation or sector.
- Nominees may work in any context — community, government, non-government, private sector, sport and recreation, arts, education, health, and beyond.
- Self-nominations are not permitted.

What the Nomination Must Demonstrate

To be eligible, a nominee must be undertaking activities, actions, or work that make a meaningful contribution to ending domestic and family violence. This may include but is not limited to:

- Prevention and early intervention programs or campaigns
- Community awareness and education initiatives
- Direct support to those affected by DFV
- Advocacy, systemic change, or policy work
- Cultural leadership or healing approaches

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- Cross-sector collaboration that advances DFV outcomes
- Grassroots or community-led responses to DFV

Paid Work and Organisational Approval

Nominees may be recognised for paid work — there is no requirement that the work be voluntary.

- If the nominee is being recognised for work carried out in a paid professional capacity, the nomination must be accompanied by a letter or statement of organisational approval from the nominee's employer or governing body.
- If the nominee is the principal or owner of the business, this letter is not required.

This approval confirms the organisation supports the nominee being publicly recognised for this work and that the work accurately represents the organisation's activities.

4. Nomination Process

How to Nominate

Nominations can be submitted online during the open nominations period.

<https://catholicparent.snapforms.com.au/form/changemaker-awards-2026>



A nomination must include:

A. Nominee Details

- Full name of the individual or name of the organisation being nominated
- Region in which the nominee lives and/or works
- Contact details for the nominee
- A brief description of the nominee and their work (up to 300 words)

B. Nomination Statement

A written statement of up to 600 words explaining:

- What the nominee does, and how it contributes to ending DFV
- The impact of their work on individuals, families, or community
- Why they deserve to be recognised as a ChangeMaker

C. Written Reference

All nominations must include at least one written reference (up to 300 words) from a person with direct knowledge of the nominee's work and its impact.

References must come from people within the community the nominee serves, or colleagues, peers, or partners who have direct knowledge of the nominee's work.

References must be from people outside the nominator's own organisation, household or immediate family.

Each reference must include the referee's full name, their relationship to the nominee, and their contact details. The NO MORE team reserves the right to contact referees to verify the information provided.

D. Organisational Approval (if applicable)

If the nomination relates to paid work, a letter or signed statement of organisational approval must be included. This may be submitted as a PDF attachment or typed directly into the nominations form.

Nominator Details

The person submitting the nomination must provide their own full name and contact details. All nominators must confirm they have the nominee's knowledge and consent to be nominated.

5. Key Dates

Milestone	Date
STAND begins — Nominations open	Wednesday 26 August 2026
Nominations close (11:59pm ACST)	Monday 3 November 2026
Review, local consultation, and selection process	4 November – 18 November 2026
Regional Award Winners presented at events during 16 Days of Activism	25 November – 10 December 2026
NT ChangeMaker recipient announced and presented at Casuarina NO MORE March, Darwin	Friday 4 December 2026

Note: All nominations must be submitted by 11:59pm Australian Central Standard Time (ACST) on 3 November 2026. Late nominations will not be accepted.

6. Selection Process

Review and Assessment

All nominations received by the closing date will be reviewed by the NO MORE team for completeness and eligibility. Incomplete nominations will be contacted and given 48 hours to provide missing information before being removed from consideration.

Eligible nominations are then assessed against the following criteria:

- Clarity and strength of demonstrated impact on DFV outcomes
- Quality and credibility of the supporting references
- Relevance to the community or region being served
- Breadth and reach of the work
- Alignment with the values of the NO MORE campaign

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Local Consultation

Where multiple nominations are received for the same region, the NO MORE team will seek input from local stakeholders, such as community leaders, local organisations, or regional advisory contacts to assist in identifying the most appropriate recipient. Final selection decisions rest with the Selection Panel.

NT ChangeMaker Award

Once all Regional Awards are confirmed, the Selection Panel will review the full cohort of Regional Award winners and determine the NT ChangeMaker recipient. This decision will consider the overall strength, reach, and impact of each Regional winner's work at the NT-wide level.

Notification

All nominees will be notified of the outcome of their nomination prior to any public announcement. Regional Award winners will be notified no later than 21 November 2026. The NT Award winner will be notified at the same time and travel arrangements coordinated (if required) for the Casuarina Activation on 4 December 2026.

7. Awards and Recognition

Each Regional ChangeMaker Award recipient will receive:

- A personalised ChangeMaker Award certificate
- Recognition on the NO MORE website, and NO MORE Communications
- Public acknowledgement at a regional event during the 16 Days of Activism

The NT ChangeMaker Award recipient will additionally receive:

- Return flights and accommodation (if required) to Darwin for the Casuarina Activation on 4 December 2026
- Formal presentation at the Casuarina Activation event
- Feature profile on the NO MORE website and in NO MORE communications

8. Confidentiality and Privacy

All nominations and referee information will be treated with confidentiality throughout the selection process. Information provided in nominations will only be shared with Selection Panel members and relevant NO MORE team members for the purpose of assessment.

Winners and nominees' details (names, region, and a summary of their work) will be published publicly.

All personal information is collected and handled in accordance with applicable privacy legislation.

9. Conduct and Integrity

CatholicCare NT is committed to a fair, transparent, and respectful awards process. Any attempts to canvas Selection Panel members, provide false or misleading information, or otherwise compromise the integrity of the process may result in a nomination being disqualified.

Decisions of the Selection Panel are final. No correspondence will be entered into regarding selection outcomes.

10. Contact and Further Information

For questions about the ChangeMaker Awards, the nominations process, or these guidelines, please contact the NOMORE team at nomore@catholiccarent.org.au.

