

Best of Our Valley 2026 Now Accepting Nominations

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Who are your favorite people in the Valley? Where is your favorite place to dine out? What are the best activities to do on the weekend? Nominate your beloved businesses, professionals and individuals for AZ Foothills annual Best Of Our Valley Web contest - determining the greatest in dozens of categories like Best Wedding Venue, Most Influential Woman in the Valley, Best Yoga Studio, and Best Cup of Coffee, and more.

Each year AZ Foothills asks readers what their favorites are, offering thousands of options chosen by nominations, editors and focus groups. The contest is answered with hundreds of thousands of votes that determine the Valley's favorites. The best of each category will be featured in the April collectors edition issue, a tell-all guide to the coolest people and places in the Valley of the Sun.

To nominate a business, person or thing, use the form button below by October 27, 2025. If you have trouble with the form please e-mail bestof@azfoothills.com. The contest will run from November 1 - December 1, 2025. For full Rules & Regulations, go to page 2.

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Since 1997, Arizona Foothills Magazine has celebrated the latest and greatest in Valley luxury. We've featured everything from the finest resorts and travel destinations to shopping and beauty to fabulous eateries and places to live. Twenty years later, our mission is no different! We still strive to unveil what's up-and-coming, give credit where it's due to those who deserve recognition and provide useful information to our loyal readers.

Whether they've been acknowledged for their keen fashion sense or impact on local politics and nonprofits,

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we always make sure to feature the Valley's most Influential People. From news and radio to the hottest events and venues across the Valley, we also present your selections for Arts and Entertainment, Media, Food and Restaurants, Nightlife and Cocktails and more. Be sure that your favorite people, places and things are featured in next year's issue!

AZFoothills.com is the Valley's fastest-growing Web site. Arizona Foothills Magazine and AZFoothills.com are dedicated to providing resourceful information on dining, entertainment, homes, fashion, culture, and events in Arizona. Arizona Foothills Magazine is published multiple times a year and is audited by an accredited outside company.

Best Of Our Valley

Rules & Regulations 2026

No purchase is necessary to enter this contest. In addition to the requirements set forth below, the AZ Foothills Best of Our Valley Contest, or "Contest", is open to all potential businesses, except the directors, officers, agents, and employees of AZ Foothills and their respective affiliated and associated entities and members of their respective immediate families living in the same household.

By nominating or voting for a business or individual, participants are accepting the terms and conditions of these Rules and agree to be bound by them. This Contest is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. This Contest is void where prohibited by law. AZ Foothills reserves the right to interpret votes how they see fit, withdraw or suspend any entrants, change any functionality or feature on the Web site and revise these terms and conditions at any time and without notice.

NOMINATIONS

To nominate a business for the contest, submit a nomination with our form button **by October 27, 2025**.

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Each e-mailed nomination must include the following to be considered:

- 1) Nominee name and description
- 2) Contact info: as much as possible of business owner, agency or PR representative name, address, URL, phone number, e-mail address, and social media accounts.
- 3) Categories you believe the business would fit into (Examples: Best Burger, Most Glamorous Place to Party, Best Florist, etc.) Only one nominee per person per business is necessary. All entries reserved by deadlines will be considered. Odds of winning are determined by the number of eligible entries received.

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All entry information becomes the property of Arizona Foothills Magazine and AZFoothills.com upon entry. All entries must be received by the Nomination Deadlines.

Best Of Our Valley 2026 Nomination Deadline ends on 11:59:59 a.m. (Arizona time) on October 27, 2025 ("2025 Nomination Deadline").

BEST OF OUR VALLEY FINALISTS

All nominated contest entrants will be evaluated initially by AZ Foothills editors and local focus groups to determine the top finalists for each category. All finalist choices are at the discretion of our editors, as those featured need to uphold the standards and integrity of AZ Foothills. All nominees will be notified via e-mail, social media or phone. Any Nominee can withdraw from this contest at any time.

FINALIST VOTING

AZ Foothills and the Panel will select Best Of Our Valley Nominees whose business name or individual name will be placed on our Web site for voting. Voting will take place between 12:00:01 p.m. (Arizona time) on November 1, 2025 through 11:59:59 a.m. (Arizona time) on December 1, 2025.

Businesses, individuals and clients of Valley businesses are all welcome to vote once per day per category within the one-month period. A vote is counted each time a visitor clicks the "Vote" button associated with each nominee. The winner of each category is the business or individual with the most votes within its category as the clock strikes 12:00:00 PM on December 1, 2025.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Bot activity and mechanical voting is not an acceptable form of voting. If this type of false voting is detected by our server, the associated IP address will be banned from voting. AZ Foothills reserves the right to disqualify any business or individual suspected in partaking in this type of activity or any other voting activity they deem unfair.

BEST OF WINNERS

One business or individual shall win each "Best Of" category. The winners of each category will be notified and shall receive:

1) A mention in the 2026 "Best of Our Valley" issue or issues

- Size of mention is to be determined.
- Word count, photo inclusion and story details are never guaranteed
- Not all businesses/individuals will receive the same size mention
- Editors reserve the right to choose additional businesses/individuals to feature, outside of contest winners
- "Best Of" winners will not be given the opportunity to see or approve editorial features

2) The right to use AZ Foothills "Best of Our Valley - 2026 Winner" logos on all advertisements, on the Web and in their business locations indefinitely

- Logos will be made available to winners on AZFoothills.com after the conclusion of voting
- Promotional opportunities in the upcoming year, for "Best Of" winners only
- These opportunities may include special events and other marketing endeavors
- These events are to be determined and not guaranteed

A minimum of 15 unique votes are required for guaranteed inclusion in the online and/or print winners list. Unique votes information is not displayed on voting pages. Contact us before the contest concludes if there's any question about a nominee's guaranteed inclusion status.

ADDITIONAL PRIZES

Additional prizes may be contributed for the winner and finalists, depending on the depth of participation by "Best Of Our Valley" sponsors.

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PRIZE TERMS & CONDITIONS

All prizes and benefits of any kind awarded herein, including without limitation, must be accepted as awarded without substitution and are not transferable, not for resale, and have no cash surrender value. No cash or prize substitution is allowed for all or any portion of the Prizes awarded hereunder except at the discretion of the Sponsors. Prizes cannot be refunded, transferred, reissued, revalidated or combined with any other offer and must be accepted as is. Prizes must be claimed within one month of the award of the Prizes. No rain checks shall be provided. The Sponsors reserve the right, in the event that the Prizes, or any component thereof, cannot be awarded as described for any reason, to substitute another prize or component of a prize of equal or greater value, without liability. In the event that any prize winners hereunder do not use any portion of the Prizes, there will be no refund, extension, transfer, substitution or any kind of compensation provided.

All Contest entrants and participants must comply with these Rules. By entering or participating in this Contest, all entrants and participants irrevocably grant to the AZ Foothills the right to include their name and information on any AZ Foothills mailing lists and to use their name in any publicity carried out by AZ Foothills, and agree to grant to AZ Foothills a non-exclusive irrevocable license and right to incorporate, use and reproduce their photograph, voice, name and likeness in whole or in part in and in connection with the advertising, exhibiting, marketing, promotion and exploitation of AZ Foothills business in any manner, in all media throughout the world. Individuals who do not wish that their personal information be used for such promotional and publicity purposes (otherwise unrelated to the Contest) are required to so indicate in writing to AZ Foothills at the following address: KFH AZFoothills LLC, 2701 E Camelback Rd, Suite 180 ATTN: BEST OF OUR VALLEY.

In no event shall Sponsors, or their respective affiliated and associated entities, be held liable for any delays or cancellations due to circumstances beyond their reasonable control. Contest entrants and participants assume all liability for injuries caused or claimed to be caused by participation in this Contest, or the use or misuse of any prize granted herein, including any all and losses, damages, claims, actions and causes of action with respect to any prize so granted including without limitation, all liability and risks in connection with travel. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, by entering or participating in this Contest, entrants and participants release and forever discharge Sponsors and their respective parent companies, affiliates, subsidiaries, agents, and advisors and the employees, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and representatives, from any and all damages, rights, claims and actions of any kind whatsoever arising in connection with the Contest or resulting from acceptance, possession, or use or misuse of any prize awarded in connection with the Contest, including without limitation personal injury, death, and/or property damage as well as claims based on publicity rights, defamation, or invasion of privacy. Sponsors and their respective affiliated and associated entities, assume no responsibility for lost, stolen, mutilated, late, misdirected or ineligible entry forms or for any computer, online, human or technical malfunctions that may occur in the administration of the Contest. If for any reason this Contest is not capable of running as planned due to infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other cause beyond the control of the Sponsors, or their respective affiliated and associated entities, or any act corrupts or affects the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of this Contest, Sponsors reserve the right, in their absolute and sole discretion, to disqualify an individual and/or cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest. Sponsors and their respective affiliated and associated entities, shall not be responsible under any condition whatsoever for any problems or technical malfunctions relating to the Contest or for any printing or typographical errors or problems in connection with any Contest-related materials.

Any attempt by anyone to damage or disrupt the Contest shall be considered a violation under criminal and civil law. Sponsors and their respective affiliated and associated entities, reserve the right to seek damages or other remedies against such person. In the event of any dispute regarding entries received from multiple users having the same e-mail account, entries will be deemed to be made by the authorized account holder of the e-mail address submitted during entry. The authorized account holder is the natural person who is assigned to the e-mail address by an internet access provider, online service provider or other organization that is responsible for assigning e-mail addresses or the domain associated with the submitted e-mail address. The Contest Winner may be required to provide AZ Foothills with proof that the Contest Winner are the authorized account holders of the e-mail address associated with the winning entries, or forfeit any prize awarded hereunder. It is the entrant's sole responsibility to notify AZ Foothills in writing at the address indicated above if she changes her address, e-mail address or telephone number. All corrections must be received prior to the Entry Deadline. All monetary amounts referenced herein are in US dollars.

The Rules & Regulations of this contest are subject to change at any time. All prizes affiliated with this contest have no cash value and are not redeemable for cash, advertising or any alternate promotions.

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