



Juliana Schafer Spirit of Hope Award Nomination Form

Nomination forms must be completed in full and submitted by May 31, 2026

Do you know of an outstanding volunteer who has made a positive impact in the brain tumor community? The ABTA invites you to submit a nomination for the 2026 Juliana Schafer Spirit of Hope Award!

Award description:

Volunteerism comes in many forms, and no act of service is too small. The American Brain Tumor Association's volunteer network is a large and growing movement of passionate individuals from across the country working together to make a difference in the brain tumor community. Volunteers play an integral part in supporting programs and research initiatives that are helping those impacted by brain tumors.

From 2004, when Juliana Schafer was diagnosed with a brain tumor, to her peaceful passing in 2021, Juliana was an incredibly active and tireless volunteer for the ABTA. Juliana was passionate about the ABTA's mission, from the patient and caregiver resources provided to the funding of cutting-edge research. Juliana, her family, and her friends were continually inspired to fundraise and increase awareness of the ABTA. Even from her hospice bed, Juliana was on her phone, raising money through her Breakthrough for Brain Tumors 5K (BT5K) team, aptly named Team Hope. The pride she took in those efforts brought her comfort to the very end. In recognition of Juliana's extraordinary volunteer efforts, the ABTA has established the Juliana Schafer Spirit of Hope Award.

The Juliana Schafer Spirit of Hope Award is designed to recognize and honor those individuals who have generously donated their time and talents to further the mission of the ABTA through their volunteer efforts.

Nominations for the Juliana Schafer Spirit of Hope Award are open to all ABTA volunteers of any capacity in any role.

- Nominees should demonstrate outstanding dedication, service, and commitment to the ABTA.
- Nominees must have been actively involved with the organization over the last 12 months.
- All nominees will be contacted and asked to submit a bio focusing on the impact of their contributions.
- The award will be presented at the ABTA National Conference in September.

What Makes a Good Nomination?

Here are guidelines to follow when completing this year's nomination form:

1. Highlight the significant impact of your nominee's work.
2. Include accomplishments and contributions (the specific reasons why the nominee deserves recognition).
3. Where possible, quantify your answers (how much money raised, number of people mentored, years served on a committee, presentations given or collaborated on).
4. Tell us a compelling story.

Nomination deadline is 11:59 p.m., Saturday, May 31, 2026 - NO EXTENSIONS!

Nominee Information:

Name *(As it should appear on the award)*: _____

Home Address/City/State: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

What is their connection to the ABTA: _____

*****Nominee does NOT have to be a patient or brain tumor survivor to be considered for this award. *****

Please describe the nominee's act(s) of volunteerism and how their service has made a difference in the brain tumor community, including any major achievement and/or outcome the nominee has accomplished because of their volunteerism: *(please include all the ways this volunteer has been involved with the ABTA – that you know of)*:

Describe why you feel this individual deserves to be recognized for the 2026 Spirit of Hope Award (include their top three qualities that created the outcomes listed above and reinforce why they deserve this award):

If you had to select one word to describe the nominee, what would it be and why?

Nominator Information:

Name (*First and Last*): _____

Home Address/City/State: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

Questions????

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Thank You!