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TO: REALTORS®

FROM: Jacqlene Rose, President

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RE: 2025 REALTOR® OF THE YEAR

### **REALTOR® OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The REALTOR® of the Year Award is the highest honor the New York State Association of REALTORS® bestows on a member. It is presented annually to an individual whose dedication to excellence has most profoundly enhanced the professional image of REALTORS® in the State of New York.

The award recognizes an individual's personal leadership and service qualities, applied not only to the real estate industry, but also to the promotion of civic, community and charitable causes. The award, while not granted for a specific business accomplishment, is earned by REALTORS® who have made a mark in the real estate industry.

NYSAR's Awards Committee will convene prior to the Fall Business Meetings to review each nomination form submitted. Please follow the established guidelines prior to submitting a nomination. The committee will eliminate nominations that do not follow the established guidelines.

If you have a member in your local association/board who you feel should be recognized, please nominate them. The REALTOR® of the Year Award is not a lifetime achievement award. The Awards Committee does not solicit or encourage the use of supportive documents and materials (letters of recommendation, newspaper articles, news releases, etc.) with the REALTOR® of the Year nomination form. All such materials will be discarded and not included with the nomination forms reviewed by the Awards Committee. Only nominations submitted on the official nomination form will be considered.

An individual previously nominated may be nominated again. The board/association will need to resubmit the nomination as we do not keep nomination forms from previous years.

Member Boards/Associations as well as individual members may nominate individuals for the REALTOR® of the Year Award. There can be more than one nominee per local association.

All REALTOR® of the Year nomination forms submitted for consideration are kept strictly confidential. All materials submitted become the property of the New York State Association of REALTORS® and will not be returned. After the Awards Committee determines the recipient, all materials will be destroyed.

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A recent color high quality, electronic-jpeg photograph of the candidate must accompany the nomination form (Preferably 5 x 7 size photo). In addition to NYSAR using the photograph, the National Association of REALTORS® will use the photograph when all the state association REALTORS® of the Year are recognized at the General Session in Boston, MA in November.

The following criteria applies for all individuals who are nominated for the 2025 REALTOR® of the Year Award:

- The candidate must have attained at least 10 years of service in the New York State Association of REALTORS®, including leadership positions in the local board/association, and the National Association of REALTORS®.
- Have a valid real estate license as a broker, associate broker or salesperson or appraiser license/certification and are currently active in the real estate industry and in good standing with the New York State Department of State, Division of Licensing Services.

Please Note: The REALTOR® of the Year award will not be awarded posthumously.

In addition to being recognized at the General Session during the NYSAR Fall Business Meetings in Verona, NY, the 2025 NYSAR REALTOR® of the Year will receive registration, round trip air transportation and up to three (3) nights' accommodations to the National Association of REALTORS® Annual Conference and Trade Exposition in Houston, Texas, November 14-16, 2025, in order to participate in the NAR State REALTOR® of the Year Recognition Program.

The nomination form is available on [www.nysar.com](http://www.nysar.com) and in the monthly AE News e-mail.

Email form to [cderocher@nysar.com](mailto:cderocher@nysar.com) or mail to:

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Deadline for reporting is **Monday, July 21, 2025**

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