

AUSTRALIAN SECURITY MEDALS FOUNDATION AWARDS NOMINATIONS CRITERIA



Recognising excellence, achievement
and innovation in the Australian security industry

Awards presentations: Wednesday, 28th October 2026

Venue: Park Hyatt, Melbourne

For information on award categories, criteria and how to nominate visit:

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The Awards

The Australian Security Medals Foundation Awards are conferred through the Australian Security Medals Foundation (ASMF), a not-for-profit organisation that was established in 2010. Additional information about the ASMF is available online at www.asmf.net.

Each year the ASMF receives nominations from members or other persons associated with the Australian security industry. An independent assessment panel (known as the “Nominations Committee”) then reviews each nomination and deliberates in determining which nominations should result in the conferring of an Award.

Any Award conferred is formally presented at an annual dinner.

There are three Award categories through the ASMF:

- i. The Australian Security Medal;
- ii. The Australian Security Valour Medal; and
- iii. St John Save a Life Award

About the Australian Security Medal (ASM)

Awarded to recognise the outstanding career and/or character of the recipient. ASM recipients will be those who have demonstrated a consistent, high-level contribution to the wider community, possibly via innovative non-core business activities and projects, or via extraordinary performance in their professional role(s).

Key Assessment Criteria

1. Has the nominee demonstrated a consistent commitment to the security community beyond their paid role?
2. Has this commitment been evident over a period of time? (Minimum 5 years)
3. Is the commitment considered exceptional compared to others?
4. Is the commitment demonstrated to be contemporary, progressive and innovative?
5. Does the nominee satisfy outstanding career accomplishments and good standing/character criteria?

About the Australian Security Valour Medal (ASVM)

Valour is defined as “Exceptional courage in the face of danger i.e. usually involving real and impending threat to life that may be avoided by most others.” This definition is important in that a person performing an act to preserve life such as first aid may be admirable but may not be considered to be brave.

The ASVM is awarded to recognise security operatives for an outstanding act or acts of valour, which are determined by the Nominations Committee to be action and/or actions demonstrating valour, courage and decisiveness above and beyond ‘the call of duty’. Every year, security officers around Australia go above and beyond with acts of bravery, putting their lives at risk to save others. These acts often go unrecognised beyond the officer’s employer and peers.

Key Assessment Criteria

1. Was the nominee exposed to a real and impending danger?
2. Was the nominee’s response an outstanding act of valour or beyond the call of duty?
3. Did the act(s) involve exceptional courage?
4. Were actions of the nominee decisive and courageous?
5. Validation including an incident report from the CEO or board/Police report.

About the St John Save a Life Award



Security operatives are often the first responders in a diverse range of emergency situations. Through a unique partnership with St John Ambulance, security operatives from across Australia can receive the “Safe a Life Award” to recognise actions where they have contributed toward saving someone’s life through the application of first-aid. The application of first-aid can include provision of resuscitation, use of a defibrillator, acting on severe bleeding or other assistance to a casualty whilst awaiting an ambulance or other medical assistance. Their first-aid capabilities and the practical application of such skills, frequently result in the saving of lives and should not go unrecognised.

Please provide a hi-res colour headshot photo of the nominee.



ASMF Honourable Mention

A nominee for any Award who has not received that nominated award may be recognised with an Honourable Mention. An honourable mention means the nominee receives special recognition of their exceptional performance by the ASMF Board and that such performance is worthy of acknowledgement. The certificate awarded to the nominee is suitably inscribed with a brief explanation of their exceptional performance and acknowledgement by the ASMF.

Who can submit a nomination?

Any person can submit an award nomination by completing this nomination form.

Who can be nominated?

Any person, whether a current member of the security industry or otherwise (this caters for any person who might assist a security operative).

How are nominations actually assessed?

Nominations are assessed by the ASMF Nominations Committee that encompasses three Board members. These members have extensive experience in security operations. These members are appointed by the ASMF Board. The panel members will discuss each nomination against the nomination category and assessment criteria.

Confidentiality

All nominations are treated with the strictest confidence and information provided is only used for assessment purposes. This approach also overcome disappointment should a nomination be unsuccessful.

Persons submitting nominations should also note this policy prior to circulating information in anticipation of a successful nomination.

Completing and submitting a nomination

Nominations should closely align with the Nomination Form. This form was developed in consideration of *Key Assessment Criteria* for each Award. Aligning with the form and *Key Assessment Criteria* will ensure content is relevant and appropriate for assessment by the Nominations Committee.

If a Nominator is unsure about any information relevant to a nomination submission, the Nominator should contact the ASMF at admin@asmf.net

Note, the ASMF cannot provide advice about whether a nomination will be successful or otherwise. This is the work of the Nominations Committee.