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Celebrate the Collectors Who Inspire Us All

Nominate fellow collectors whose passion and dedication keep the hobby thriving

Each year, the American Numismatic Association (ANA) presents awards to deserving individuals in recognition of outstanding dedication to numismatics. The ANA is now accepting individual nominations for 2026 awards and Numismatic Hall of Fame "Historic Era" candidates.



All nominations can be submitted in writing and online – 300 words or more for the Numismatic Hall of Fame, and 50-100 words for all other awards. Include the date of submission, the nominee's name, background information and birth date (if known). Nominations are accepted through January 15, 2026. Awards include:

- **Numismatic Hall of Fame** – "Historic Era" nominees (individuals deceased more than 25 years prior to induction) will be considered. Candidates are not required to be past ANA members.
- **Chester L. Krause Memorial Distinguished Service Award** – The ANA's highest honor, this award recognizes years of outstanding, dedicated service to numismatics.

- **Lifetime Achievement Award** – Presented to an individual, family, firm, or judicial entity for contributions to organized numismatics. Nominees need not be ANA members.
- **Numismatist of the Year** – Recognizes individuals within the numismatic community who have demonstrated long-term leadership in the field and to the ANA. Nominees need not be ANA members.
- **Elvira Clain-Stefanelli Memorial Award for Achievement in Numismatics** – This award honors women who have significantly influenced numismatics, particularly in the areas of scholarship, leadership, and/or mentorship. Nominees must be living but need not be ANA members or currently active in numismatics.
- **Harry J. Forman Dealer of the Year Award** – Honors professional numismatists who exhibit uncommon dedication to strengthening the hobby and the ANA, and display exemplary ethical standards as a numismatic dealer.
- **Numismatic Art Award for Excellence in Medallion Sculpture** – The award honors an artist whose cumulative lifetime achievements in the field of medallion sculpture have been of the highest order.
- **Medal of Merit** – This award recognizes collectors and hobbyists at the regional and/or national level. Nominees dedicate their efforts to promoting numismatics among the general public, and directly support the ANA's mission and programs.
- **Adna G. Wilde Jr. Memorial Award for Exemplary Service** – Recognizes collectors and hobbyists who are active at the regional and/or national level and work to advance numismatic knowledge among the general public.
- **Glenn Smedley Memorial Award** – Recognizes collectors and hobbyists active at the grassroots level.
- **Lawrence J. Gentile, Sr. Memorial Award for Outstanding Adult Advisor** – Recognizes individuals who have devoted their time and efforts to recruiting young numismatists new to the hobby, and aiding the development of intermediate to advanced YNs.
- **Young Numismatist of the Year** – Honors numismatists under the age of 18 for outstanding contributions to the hobby and who are active in volunteer service and numismatic research.
- **Outstanding District Representative** – Recognizes the District Representative who most fully promotes coin collecting, coin clubs, and the ANA.

[Submit a nomination](#) for a numismatist you find deserving of an award. Information about each of the awards and online submission forms are available at **[money.org/service-awards-categories](https://www.money.org/service-awards-categories)**.

For questions about the awards, contact **awards@money.org** or call 719-482-9811.

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging the study and collection of coins and related items. The ANA helps its members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of educational and outreach programs, to include its museum, library, publications, conventions and webinars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit money.org.