NOMINATION FORM

*Spirit of the Midlands Award*

*For Corporate Leadership*

2024-2025

*An electronic version of this form can be accessed at www.uway.org. Download a copy of the word document to your computer. Once completed, please attach the file to an e-mail and submit to Jacqueline Campbell-Lawrence only at* *jlawrence@uway.org**. Please be sure to put* ***“Spirit Award Nomination Form”*** *then company name in the subject line. If you have any letters of support you wish to provide, please scan them, and submit them in .pdf format along with the nomination form.*

The *Spirit of the Midlands Award for Corporate Leadership* is presented to a corporate partner(s) that embodies an overall spirit of giving through contributions of time, leadership, and resources in support of United Way’s work in creating generational change by meeting immediate needs and building resilience. Companies are eligible to win only once every two years. The award will be presented at the Major Firms Breakfast in early May.

**Nominee Information:**

Company Name

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[ ]  10 - 499 employees

[ ]  500 or more employees

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Please complete the following questions fully to give the selection committee the most important information about the nominee.

(30 points)

1. **COMMUNITY IMPACT: Over the past year (March 24 – March 25), how has this company played an active role LOCALLY and positively contributed to United Way’s work in creating generational change by meeting immediate needs and building resilience**.
* *If applicable, please include a summary of how this company’s philanthropic goals align with United Way’s work.*
* *How are all or one of your targeted impact areas supported through company investment such as grants?*
* *Describe additional support through in-kind gifts, through leadership or pro bono support.*

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(25 points)

1. **VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT: Over the past year (March 24 – March 25), describe how this company exhibits a company-wide commitment to involving employees, families, retirees and other stakeholders in volunteer opportunities and service to benefit our community.**

* *Please explain how this company’s culture and policies encourage and recognize volunteering. Please include your company’s policy for employees volunteering during work hours.*
* *Please include in your response a description of the company and employees’ participation in volunteer projects with United Way. (Examples: United Way Volunteer Week, Midlands Reading Consortium, representation on United Way Board, Campaign Committee, other committees, or other United Way volunteer opportunities, etc.)*
* *Please include a description of the impact of volunteers.*

o    *Number of volunteers*

o    *Percentage of employees that volunteers*

o    *Value of volunteer hours*

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1. **FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Over the past year (March 24 – March 25), describe the corporate and employee commitment to positively impact our community through corporate, employee workplace giving and sponsorship support.**

(40 points)

The review Committee will also take into consideration the percentage of unrestricted support which will be pulled from records internally.

* *Please include this company’s overall corporate and foundation contributions specifically invested in United Way and United Way partnerships.*
* *Please include how the company engages employees (and retires if applicable) in the workplace giving campaign and results.*
* *Describe the company’s support for leadership giving (including Tocqueville, Palmetto Society and Affinity Groups.)*
* *Please include how the company provides events or marketing support to United Way.*

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(5 points)

1. **Turn in application to Jacqueline Campbell-Lawrence by 5pm on the deadline and add Subject line correctly.**

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Nominator Signature: *(Please type in your name here. Your e-mail will serve as your signature.)*

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Submission Date

Thank you for your participation in the nomination process!

Please return the completed nomination form by March 28th, 2025 via e-mail to Jacqueline Campbell-Lawrence at jlawrence@uway.org.

PAST WINNERS

2012-2013 Colonial Life

2013-2014SCANA

2014-2015McNair Law Firm, P.A.

2015-2016 Elliott Davis

2016-2017 AgFirst Farm Credit Bank

2017-2018 BlueCross BlueShield

2018-2019 Enterprise Holdings

2019-2020 Elliott Davis

2020-2021 AgFirst Farm Credit Bank

2021-2022 Elliott Davis

2022-2023 AgFirst Farm Credit Bank

2023-2024 Miller Valentine Construction