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## **Judy Taylor Philanthropy Leadership Award**

### **Governance Charter**

#### **1. Purpose:**

The Judy Taylor Philanthropy Leadership Award celebrates individuals who embody the spirit of strategic leadership and visionary philanthropic leadership, those who lead through example, inspire others to give, and create sustainable impact through their commitment to the mission of the Kentucky State Police Foundation.

In addition to leadership and vision, the award shall honor individuals who reflect the qualities that defined Judy Taylor's legacy: a genuine spirit of kindness, generosity, and service to others. Through their actions, recipients demonstrate that philanthropy is not only measured through leadership and giving, but also through compassion, humility, and a commitment to uplifting the communities they serve.

This award preserves and reflects the legacy, values, and leadership example of Judy Taylor.

#### **2. Authority**

The award is governed by the Kentucky State Police Foundation Board of Directors. The Board delegates nomination review and recipient selection authority to the Awards Committee annually.

By establishing this award, the Kentucky State Police Foundation reaffirms its commitment to building a culture of philanthropy that is bold, visionary, and rooted in service. The Judy Taylor Philanthropy Leadership Award will serve not only as a symbol of gratitude, but as an enduring call to action for those who seek to lead with purpose and impact.

Final selection is confirmed through committee vote in accordance with this charter.

#### **3. Awards Committee Composition**

- Five (5) members total
- Majority must have served alongside Judy Taylor or possess meaningful knowledge of her philanthropic leadership and values

- At least one member of Judy Taylor's family (when available)
- Executive Director serves as facilitator and records minutes (non-voting)

Committee members must:

- Avoid conflicts of interest
- Recuse themselves if directly affiliated with a nominee
- Maintain confidentiality of nominations and deliberations

#### 4. Eligibility & Criteria

Honorees will be selected based on the following qualities and contributions:

- **Visionary Leadership** - Demonstrated leadership in advancing the goals of the Kentucky State Police Foundation or the mission of a nonprofit organization through strategic vision, initiative, and the ability to inspire others.
- **Fundraising or Advocacy Impact** - Active engagement in philanthropic efforts, fundraising initiatives, or advocacy that strengthens charitable organizations and mobilizes meaningful support.
- **Sustained Commitment** - A long-term dedication to strengthening the Kentucky State Police, nonprofit organizations, or the communities they serve through continued service and leadership.
- **Kindness and Generosity** - A demonstrated spirit of generosity and compassion reflected in how the nominee supports others, builds relationships, and contributes to the wellbeing of their community. Honorees should embody the values of kindness, humility, and service that characterized Judy Taylor's leadership and philanthropic legacy.
- **Nomination and Regional Focus:** The initial vision for the award was regionally focused, allowing prominent community members to nominate individuals known for their philanthropic efforts related to law enforcement.

**NOTE:** While preferred, the nominee / awardee would be involved with the KSP Foundation/ KSP, but this is not a strict requirement for nominees or awardees. This will allow for broader recognition of philanthropy in law enforcement.

#### 5. Nomination & Selection Process

- Public nomination period (approx. 4-6 weeks)
- Submission of nomination form and supporting materials

- Two committee meetings for review and selection (more if necessary)
- Decision made by majority vote
  - The award will be presented at the Judy Taylor Roundtable Fundraising event, or at one of the Foundations' fundraising events.

## 6. Presentation & Communications

The award recipient will receive:

- Public recognition
- Engraved award
- Public acknowledgment through Foundation communications
  - o All public announcements must be coordinated through the Executive Director and Board Chair.
  - o The KSP Commissioner and Public Affairs Commander shall receive notice of all announcements (if applicable).

## 7. Record Retention

- Nomination materials and meeting minutes will be securely retained by the Foundation.
- Records remain confidential unless otherwise authorized by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**Adopted by the Kentucky State Police Foundation Board of Directors:**

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3/25/2026  
**Board Chair**

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