

Nominations Open for the 2026 John Barnard Award for Uplifting Communities by Plantrician Project and Vitamix Foundation

The Plantrician Project and Vitamix Foundation Announce Opening of Nominations for the 2026 John Barnard Award for Uplifting Communities, due December 12, 2025.

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EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Plantrician Project](#), in partnership with the [Vitamix Foundation](#), is proud to announce the opening of nominations for the 2026 John Barnard Award for Uplifting Communities, honoring individuals who are transforming lives and improving health outcomes through plant-based nutrition and lifestyle medicine, especially within underserved communities.



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We are thrilled to open nominations for the 2026 John Barnard Uplifting Communities Award as a celebration of visionary leaders advancing community health through the power of plant-based nutrition.”

Natalie Haynes, Executive Director, Vitamix Foundation

This prestigious award celebrates the legacy of John Barnard, retired long-time CEO of Vitamix, whose visionary leadership and lifelong commitment to community well-being continue to inspire change-makers nationwide. The award recognizes individuals who are expanding access to whole-food, plant-based solutions and building healthier, more resilient communities.

Award Overview

The John Barnard Uplifting Communities Award honors one U.S.-based community leader whose work demonstrates measurable impact in advancing nutrition and health equity. Nominees must have at least two years of service in a community and operate under the umbrella

of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

The selected honoree will receive:

\$25,000 unrestricted funding to support or expand their community-based, plant-forward initiatives

A custom award commemorating their impact and John Barnard's legacy

National recognition through features in The Plantrician Project and Vitamix Foundation publications, social media, and The International Journal of

Disease Reversal and Prevention

Travel and accommodations to attend the 2026 Power of the Plate

Conference, presented by The

Plantrician Project, where the award will be presented



Nomination Details:

Nominations Open: Monday, November 10, 2025

Submission Deadline: Friday, December 12, 2025

Award Announcement: February 2026

Award Presentation: May 14–17, 2026 at the Power of the Plate Conference in San Diego, CA

Eligibility Highlights:

Minimum two years of community-based service

Proven impact in advancing whole-food, plant-based nutrition and/or lifestyle medicine

Focus on underserved or under-resourced populations

Work conducted under a U.S. based 501(c)(3) organization

Nomination Requirements:

Completed nomination form

One letter of support

501(c)(3) IRS determination letter

Full award details and the official nomination form are available at:

<https://plantricianproject.org/vitamix-plantrician-john-barnard-uplifting-communities-award>

About the John Barnard Award for Uplifting Communities

Established in partnership by The Plantrician Project and the Vitamix Foundation, this annual award honors the enduring legacy of John Barnard by recognizing community leaders who embody his vision: creating lasting change through accessible, whole-food, plant-based nutrition.

While one honoree is selected each year, all nominees may be featured in The Plantrician Project's Community Stories series, spotlighting the extraordinary work being done across the country to advance health equity and nutrition education.

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