



renewal ★ renovation ★ reformation ★ redesign

# PHOENIX

2026

## THE DR. JOHN A. BAMBERL PHOENIX AWARD

**Definition of Reformation:**

*The act, process, or result of improving something by removing flaws, problems, etc.*

Nominations must be received  
no later than **June 1, 2026**  
12:00pm Pacific

**QUESTIONS**

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The MISSION of the CWRT CONGRESS is to inspire Civil War Round Table leaders to adapt, adopt, and maintain strategies for sustainability.

## **AWARD CRITERIA**

The CWRT Congress Phoenix Award recognizes a local CWRT for recreating itself after a period of stagnancy or extinction. The process of recreating a formerly vibrant organization that lost its way is one that requires dedicated leaders, members who understand the value of public history and a vision of the future. The program achieves success through commitment, adaptability, and community.

The award recipient exhibits these key characteristics:

### **★ RENEWAL**

Creates an atmosphere of diversity, values supporters, links with new partners and realizes the importance of a new mission.

### **★ RENOVATION**

Reestablishes those organizational elements of the old organization that were successful while discarding or adapting those either prevented or hindered growth.

### **★ REFORMATION**

Establish a new, robust organizational culture that demonstrates a vision of the future and the needs of members.

### **★ REDESIGN**

The new organization structure with varied programs for youths, their families, and the larger community.

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

Phoenix Award nominees must meet the following criteria:

- May not discriminate against anyone because of race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical and/or mental disability

## **NOMINATION FORMAT**

Nominations must be submitted using the fillable Submission PDF that includes the following areas:

- **CWRT IDENTITY**
  - Name & Address
  - Email & telephone number of president (or primary leader)
  - Number of members
  - Legal status

- **ANSWER THE FOLLOWING**

Respond to the three questions in the submission form:

- Comparison between the previous and new CWRT.
- Identify the reasons for the failure of the previous CWRT.
- Describe why the new CWRT is likely to succeed.

# AWARD SUBMISSION

## I. CWRT IDENTIFICATION

<b>Civil War Round Table Identity:</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Title:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Phone number:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Email address:</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Number of Members:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
<b>Website URL:</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Social Media URL:</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Nonprofit 501(c)3:</b>	<b>Yes</b> <input type="radio"/>	<b>No</b> <input type="radio"/>	<b>Applied</b> <input type="radio"/>

## II. REVIEW AND REVIVE

1. Compare the old CWRT with the new, including mission, values, finance, etc.

2. Why did the old CWRT cease to exist?

3. Why is the new organization likely to succeed?

Please forward your completed form to:  
[awards@cwrtcongress.org](mailto:awards@cwrtcongress.org) by 6/1/2026