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FROM: SAF/FMF
1130 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1130

SUBJECT: Call for 2025 Annual Bank and Credit Union Award Nominees

Annually, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management and Comptroller) recognizes the on-base financial institutions (banks and credit unions) that provided exceptional service to our Air Force community during the preceding calendar year. These awards are based on recommendations submitted by installation commanders.

The nomination package should clearly illustrate why the financial institution deserves the award in their respective category and include specific examples of actions taken during the calendar year. Each package will be scored based on achievements in the following areas:

- Financial Services, 25% (i.e., financial education, counseling, etc.)...limit to top five.
- Financial Products, 25% (i.e., credit card programs, discounted loans, higher interest rate savings, etc.)...limit to top five.
- Justification of Award Selection, 50% – bottom line, what makes your financial institution stand out from other institutions (i.e., disaster assistance, external awards/recognition).

Nominations for credit unions will be accepted in two separate sub-categories: those institutions with total assets of \$1B and above, and those with less than \$1B. Nominations for banks will be accepted regardless of total assets. Installations can submit a single nomination within each applicable category for a maximum of three nominations. Each package must contain a nomination letter from the installation commander, the formal nomination form and copy of the current operating agreement.

My POC is Sheila Arguelles (385) 678-0397. Send nomination package via email to sheila.arguelles.1@us.af.mil, no later than 24 Apr 2026.

MICHAEL W. SMILEY, SES, DAF
Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary
(Financial Operations)

Attachment:
Nomination Form for 2025

Air Force Distinguished Bank and Credit Union of the Year Award

Nominating Official	Rank/Grade	Name	
	Office Symbol	Installation / Address	
	DSN		

Installation Bank/Credit Union Liaison Officer	Name	DSN
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Nomination Category (X appropriate box)	Financial Institution Information		
	Name		
Bank	Address (Street, City, State, ZIP)		
Credit Union			
Award Year	Branch Mgr Info (Name, Phone #)		

General Financial Institution Info

Summary of Accomplishments

Financial Services

Financial Products

Overall Justification

Air Force Distinguished Bank and Credit Union of the Year Award

Overall Justification, cont'd