



ANNUAL AWARDS
&
85th ANNIVERSARY
2026

Investing in Freedom's Future

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Our Vision: A world where all are free.

Our Mission: To expand and defend freedom globally.

A Historic Moment for Freedom

In 2026, Freedom House celebrates 85 years of defending democracy and human rights worldwide. Founded in 1941 to rally bipartisan support for US involvement in the struggle against Nazi Germany, Freedom House has grown into the leading American organization dedicated to advancing freedom globally.

Today, democratic institutions face unprecedented pressure from authoritarian regimes. The Annual Awards and 85th Anniversary Celebration is both a moment for reflection and a call to action—honoring extraordinary leaders while galvanizing support for the urgent work ahead.

What We Do

We inform the world about threats to freedom.

For more than 50 years, Freedom House has produced the world's most trusted analysis on political rights and civil liberties, covering 200+ countries and territories. Our research equips policymakers, businesses, and civil society with the data needed to understand risk, expose repression, and defend democratic norms.

We mobilize leaders to act.

Freedom House elevates the voices of dissidents and human rights defenders to the highest levels of government and international institutions, including the US Congress and executive branch, other democratic governments, the Group of Seven, the European Parliament, and the United Nations. By building democratic coalitions, we turn insight into action.

We support those on the front lines.

Since 2007, Freedom House has assisted tens of thousands of activists and civil society organizations across 171 countries, providing emergency relocation, legal aid, medical care, secure technology, and other lifesaving support. We also lead global campaigns to secure the release of imprisoned activists.

Why Sponsor?

Sponsorship of the Annual Awards & 85th Anniversary Celebration:

- Demonstrates visible leadership in support of freedom and democracy
- Connects you with influential global decision-makers
- Directly supports lifesaving work on behalf of human rights defenders

Freedom House is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Opportunities to Support

85th Anniversary Presenting Sponsor- \$850,000

- 20 guests, front-row seating, plus 4 seats at the Head Table
- Recognition as the 85th Anniversary Presenting Sponsor in all event materials, including invitations, website, and press releases
- Gift will be announced and promoted as a lead gift for the 85th anniversary campaign
- On-screen recognition during dinner service
- Opportunity to have a representative participate in the event program
- Dedicated press and social media announcement
- Exclusive meet & greet access for all 24 guests



Opportunities to Support

Human Rights Defender - \$250,000

- 20 guests, premium seating
- Recognition as a Human Rights Defender in all printed and digital event materials, including invitations, event website, and press releases
- Opportunity to serve as a Co-Chair for the Annual Awards & 85th Anniversary Celebration
- Gift will be announced and promoted as a lead gift for the 85th anniversary campaign
- Dedicated recognition during the program
- Dedicated press and social media announcement

Freedom Defender - \$100,000

- 10 guests, prominent seating
- Recognition as a Freedom Defender in all printed and digital event materials, including invitations, website, and press releases
- Opportunity to serve on the Host Committee for the Annual Awards & 85th Anniversary Celebration
- Prominent logo placement on all event collateral and screens
- Verbal recognition during the program
- Dedicated social media recognition

Freedom Supporter - \$50,000

- 10 guests, priority seating
- Recognition as a Freedom Supporter in all printed and digital event materials, including invitations, website, and press releases
- Logo placement on all event collateral and screens
- Recognition from lectern during the program

Freedom Advocate - \$25,000

- 10 guests, preferred seating
- Recognition as a Freedom Advocate on event website
- Name listed on all event collateral and screens
- Social media recognition

Guardian of Freedom - \$15,000

- 8 guests
- Recognition as a Guardian of Freedom on event website
- Name listed on all event collateral and screens

Friend of Freedom - \$8,500

- Attendance for 4 young professionals
- Recognition as a Friend of Freedom on event website

To show your support for the Annual Awards, click the button below. If you have questions regarding sponsorship opportunities, email us at info@freedomhouse85th.org.

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