



Nominations are now being accepted for the

Aaron B. Wildavsky Award

Nominations due June 20, 2026

This award is presented to honor the lifetime scholarly accomplishments of Aaron B. Wildavsky. The award is presented annually to a distinguished scholar in the field of public budgeting and financial management for lifetime achievement. The award recipient should be an outstanding scholar as judged by his or her record of publication and service to the field over a sustained period of time. Nominations should include a 1–2-page letter outlining the significant accomplishments of the nominee, the nominee's vitae, and no more than two additional letters of recommendation. A committee will determine the award winner.

Nominations should be sent by June 20, 2026 to the Committee Chair Dr. Elaine Lu via [this link](#). If you have questions, please email Dr. Lu at y.lu31@csuohio.edu.

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