2012 Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards Nomination Form

Nomination Deadline
August 20th, 2012
Nominations received after this date will not be accepted.

Winners will be notified in Mid-September, the Ceremony will be held October 25, 2012

If you would like your nomination reviewed before final submission, email it to Catherine.fox@state.de.us

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Mail Completed Forms to:

Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards
State Office of Volunteerism
c/o Deborah Vandiver
1901 North DuPont Highway
New Castle, DE 19720
You may also email your form to
Deborah.vandiver@state.de.us for submission

Questions? Call 302-255-9878 or email Deborah.vandiver@state.de.us

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any individual, group, organization or business engaged in volunteer activities that address community needs within the State of Delaware is eligible for nomination.

- Service must be performed in Delaware and nominee cannot receive employment compensation.
- Nominees must be 18 years of age or older and out of high school.
- Nominees may not nominate themselves or be nominated by a family member.
- Previous Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Award winners, both individual or group, are not eligible for 3 years. SOV Staff and Commissioners are not eligible.
- Nominees must have been active within the previous 12 months. Nominators should also include information about long-term volunteer efforts.
- Service may not be limited to partisan political involvement or religious activities, or solely for the benefit of an organization's own membership.
- Individual nominees must have volunteered a minimum of 100 hours and groups 250 hours.

ISSUE CATEGORIES

Paul Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement Award - This award is to recognize an individual who has served 20+ years and made a substantial impact through long-standing service to their community.

Arts & Culture - Efforts involving museums, performing arts, historical sites and programs; ethnic and cultural exploration and education programs; awareness and education for the arts.

Community Service - Service to improve a neighborhood or community.

Education/ Literacy- Service in schools or community-based learning programs at all levels from youth to seniors.

Environment - Environmental education, public awareness, protection and/or enhancement.

Health and Special Needs - Service providing physical and/or mental health care; substance-abuse prevention and/or rehabilitation.

Human Needs - Job training and placement; child care; youth and community recreation; services to the elderly, people with disabilities, families, and/or children; assistance to homeless or indigent persons/families; veterans or military families; housing and short-term crisis resolution; or social services.

National Service - Individual member of an AmeriCorps, Senior Service Corps or other National Service program in Delaware.

Public Safety/ Disaster Management - Assistance to victims of crime; public awareness and prevention programs; criminal rehabilitation; crisis intervention; disaster preparedness; emergency response personnel.

Social Justice/Advocacy/ Economic Opportunity - Efforts to bring together diverse groups within the community that focus on creating and strengthening social ties and/or promote equity and justice.

COMPLETE PACKET CHECKLIST

- ☐ Include one copy of the following:
- ☐ A completed **nomination form** (page 4 of this packet) or a separate page including all information requested on the nomination form.
- ☐ A **narrative** (200 words or less for each question) addressing the items listed below, neatly printed or typed.
- □ Supplemental materials may be included but may not exceed five pages. Examples include letters of recommendation, testimonials, news clippings, etc. All material must be no larger than 8.5" x 11". Please do not submit tapes, display materials, scrapbooks, etc.

Please note:

- ☐ Incomplete packets will not be accepted.
- ☐ A high-quality color digital photograph of the nominee, suitable for publication will be requested, if chosen as a winner.

NARRATIVE (200 words or less for each question)

- 1. Describe the volunteer activity or service.
- 2. Describe the scope/range of volunteer activity (the number and variety of tasks that are part of the volunteer effort) and impact it has had on others. Has the volunteer played multiple roles in the same organization; has served in a number of organizations; has affected how many people/what geographic areas by the service(s)?
- 3. Detail the quality of the nominee's volunteer activity, e.g., it is done completely, well and on time; how has it helped to meet community needs and the impact on others.
- 4. Describe any demonstration of leadership or innovation within the organization or community.
- 5. Describe the nominee's commitment to service, e.g. number of people served, length of time served, has spent a large number of hours in one year to complete a complex task;

Questions? Contact the State Office of Volunteerism at 302-255-9878

Nominators will receive receipt of acknowledgement for their nominations.

NOMINATION FORM This form should be the first page of your nomination packet. NOMINEE Name (individual or group) **Group Contact** Address City Zip County Phone (primary) Phone (additional) Email address All nominations must be received by August 20, 2012 Packets after this date will not be accepted. Nominator Name Relationship to Nominee Title & Organization (if applicable) Address City Zip Phone (primary) Phone (additional) Email address CATEGORY (Check one) ☐ Individual ☐ Group ☐ Corporate Group ISSUE AREA (Check one) ☐ Arts & Culture ☐ Community Service □ Education ☐ Human Needs □ Environment ☐ Health □ National Service ☐ Public Safety ☐ Social Justice/Advocacy ☐ Paul Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement Award □ Other REFERENCES List **three references** who are familiar with the accomplishments of the nominee. They may not be family members. 1. Name Phone **Email**

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