



Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards

2011

County Nomination Form

COMPLETE ALL FIELDS FOR NOMINATION TO BE CONSIDERED

I. Nominee Profile

Full/Legal Name of Nominee:

Daytime Phone:

Email Address:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Date of Birth:

Organization/s Where Nominee Serves:

Organization Contact Name:

Organization Phone:

Email Address:

Please mark the appropriate box:

Youth Volunteer (Under 25)

Adult Volunteer



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II. Nominator Profile

Full/Legal Name of Nominator:

Daytime Phone:

Other Phone:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email Address:

Relationship to Nominee:

How did you hear about the County's Volunteer Awards?

Newspaper website volunteer activity friend other _____



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II. Nomination Narrative (no more than two pages, single-spaced on 8 ½ x 11 paper with one-inch margins and typed in 12-point font).

The narrative must answer the following questions:

1. What community need is the nominee addressing through volunteer service?
2. What achievements can be cited as the direct result of the nominee's volunteer service to the community?
 - Include specific measurable outcomes if possible. For example, improved conditions, services, or the lives of others in the community.
3. Does the nominee provide innovative approaches in their service?
 - List results such as: building community support, generating resources, mobilizing additional volunteers, connecting communities and schools, encouraging civic engagement and responsibility, etc.
4. What service does the nominee provide within the organization for which they volunteer?
 - Include the population served and approximate number of hours the nominee commits to the volunteer activity
 - Include any unique motivations regarding the willingness of the nominee to volunteer.
5. Has the nominee overcome any unique challenges or obstacles to perform this activity?
6. Is there further information the judging panel should be aware of when evaluating the nominee?

Please feel free to include additional photographs, pamphlets, or news clippings.



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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Any individual whose volunteer activities in Tennessee benefit the community or the State of Tennessee in a substantial, important, or unique way.
- Students receiving course credits are eligible, only if the volunteer service extends beyond course requirements. This must be clearly indicated in the nomination letter.
- National Service program participants (AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps*VISTA, RSVP, Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, etc.) are encouraged to apply based on their volunteer involvement in their national service assignment.

WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE?

- Individuals involved in "court mandated community service" or those serving as "loaned executives."
- Persons who receive compensation for service rendered (except National Service participants noted above).

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

- Volunteers may be nominated by anyone or may nominate themselves.
- The nomination letter should specifically be formatted for the Governor's Volunteer Star Awards according to the judging criteria listed below. If it is written as a nomination for another award, it will not be given to the judges for consideration of this award.
- In the event that an individual is nominated multiple times, the review panel will consider only the first nomination form submitted.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- **Need:** Service addressed a specific need in the community (i.e. poverty).
- **Action:** The nominee was actively involved and took initiative.
- **Innovation:** The nominee used creative methods to solve community problems.
- **Impact:** The activity or service produced positive changes and provided an example to others.