

2009 Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards Nomination Form

Nomination Deadline

Monday, August 17, 2009

Nomination packets must be postmarked by August 17, 2009.

Nominations after this date will not be accepted.

Sponsored by:

Governor Jack Markell

Mail Completed Forms to:

Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards
State Office of Volunteerism
c/o Diana Ritchie
Charles Debnam Building
1901 N. DuPont Hwy.
New Castle, DE 19720



DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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Governor's Commission on Community and Volunteer Service

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Questions? Call 302-857-5006

or email carrie.happoldt@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. Volunteers receiving a stipend, educational credit, or reimbursement for expenses are eligible.

- ◆ Service must be performed in Delaware.
- ◆ Nominees must be 18 years of age or older.
- ◆ Nominees may not nominate themselves or be nominated by a family member.
- ◆ **Previous Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Award winners are not eligible for 3 years.**
- ◆ Nominees must have been active within the previous 12 months. Nominators should also include information about long-term volunteer efforts.
- ◆ Nominees must serve the community at large— service may not be limited to partisan political involvement or religious activities, nor solely for the benefit of an organization's own membership.

ISSUE CATEGORIES

Paul Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement Award - This award is to recognize an individual who exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism 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 - Service in schools or community-based learning programs at all levels.

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

Health - 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; housing and short-term crisis resolution; or social services.

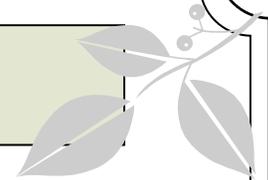
National Service - Individual member of an AmeriCorps, Senior Service Corps or other National Service program in Delaware.

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

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

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A COMPLETE NOMINATION PACKET INCLUDES:



- ❑ A **high-quality color digital photograph** of the nominee, suitable for publication either included on a disk with the nomination packet or emailed to carrie.happoldt@state.de.us.
- ❑ **The original and nine collated copies of the following:**
- ❑ A completed **nomination form** (see page 4) or a separate page including all information requested on the nomination form.
- ❑ A **narrative** (500 words or less) addressing the five 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. ◀

NARRATIVE (500 words or less)

1. Describe the type of volunteer activity or service.
2. Identify the need for the activity or service and the method used to meet the need.
3. Detail the scope of the volunteer activity (number of people served, number of hours involved, etc.), including long-term volunteer efforts.
4. Describe the influence the activity or service has had on the recipients of service, the organization, and/or the community.
5. Define the innovation and/or creativity used by the nominee.

SELECTION & RECOGNITION

An independent Review Committee submits recommendations to the Office of the Governor for final approval. Nominees selected as awardees will be recognized through the press and at the awards dinner in October. Award recipient names and contact information will be made available to the media unless the State Office of Volunteerism receives written notification stating differently.

Questions? Contact the State Office of Volunteerism at 302-857-5006

Receipt of nomination will be acknowledged for packets accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

