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NOMINATION GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY

- **Nominees must be an individual, family, group, or business whose volunteer activities in North Carolina have benefited a community or communities in North Carolina in a substantial, important or unique way.**
- Students receiving course credits for their volunteer activities are ineligible unless the nomination is based upon volunteer service that extends beyond the course requirements, in which case it must be clearly indicated in the nomination statement.
- Previous winners from within the past 10 years are ineligible.
- Those who received compensation for their service are ineligible with the exception of Directors of Volunteers.
- Nomination cannot be based upon court-mandated community service.
- Nomination cannot be based upon serving as a "loaned executive."
- Self-nominations are not permissible.
- Nominations cannot come from family members.
- Group and business nominations must be made by those external to the group or business.
- Nomination paperwork submission requirements must be met.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- All nominations must be submitted on the official 2010 Governor's Award for Volunteer Service nomination form.
- The nomination form consists of five sections. All sections of the nomination form must be completed.
- The nomination form must be typed or handwritten in print-style.
- Each county may submit a maximum of five nominees to the NC Commission on Volunteerism through the local County Coordinator.
- ***Of the nominees from each county, each of the five must be from separate nomination categories.***
- One of the five nominees may also be identified by the County Coordinator as a nominee for the Medallion Award.
- The NC Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service will evaluate nominees based upon the contents of the nomination form only. Please do not include additional materials such as photographs and videos.
- Recipients of the Governor's Award for Volunteer Service and the Medallion Award are selected based on merit – without regard to race, religion, gender, national origin, or physical/mental disability.
- ***The deadline to submit all nomination forms to the Commission is August 27th, 2010.***

AWARD SELECTION

The selection of each county's five nominees is conducted at the local (County) level and submitted to the NC Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service for approval. Selection is based upon the nominee's volunteer efforts, accomplishments, and impact. The nomination should reflect a meaningful commitment of time and service by the nominee. The nominee's service should address a community need and/or enhance the quality of life of North Carolinians and demonstrate acts of generosity and kindness. A statewide panel, under the direction of the NC Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, will evaluate the nominations for the Medallion Award.



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NOMINATION FORM

From _____ County

SECTION 1 - Completion Required

Nomination Category:

***Although your nominee may fit multiple categories, please select only one.**

- Individual:** An individual volunteer.
- Family:** A family that volunteers together on the same project(s).
- Group:** A group of three or more people that volunteer together on the same project(s) under a group name.
- Youth Volunteer:** A youth (age 18 or younger) volunteer.
- Senior Volunteer:** A person who is 55 or better, and volunteers.
- Perseverance in Volunteerism:** An individual volunteer who has overcome significant personal obstacles (mental or physical) in order to engage in service to others.
- National Service:** An individual member of a National Service program (AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps VISTA, AmeriCorps NCCC or Senior Corps) who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service above and beyond the requirements of the designated program.
- Outstanding Mentor:** An individual volunteer who has demonstrated a commitment to working with children (ages 18 and younger) in a mentoring capacity and/or been actively involved in the mobilization of volunteers, groups and resources that support a mentoring program.
- Faith-Based Volunteerism:** An individual or group that volunteers through a faith-based community organization. Nominees may serve either members of or those outside the service-sponsoring faith community.
- Corporate Volunteerism:** A business that has made a substantial impact through innovation, volunteer hours, number of volunteers, and/or other means.
- Director of Volunteers:** A paid staff member who exemplifies good management skills in volunteer training, risk management, screening, recognition, evaluation and retention of volunteers (e.g. Director of Volunteers, Manager of Volunteers, or other related titles).
- Lifetime Achievement:** An individual who has exhibited a lifelong commitment to volunteerism and community service. Nominees must have made a substantial and sustained impact in the community as a result of their service efforts.

SECTION 2 - Completion Required

Nominee Name:

Individual/Family (Complete if nominee is an individual or family)

The nominee is: an individual a family with ____ members nominated (e.g. 2, 3, 4)

Title: Ms. Mrs. Mr. Dr. Other: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name (if applicable): _____

Last Name: _____

Suffix (if applicable): Jr. Sr. III Other: _____

***If you are nominating a family, please complete the supplemental page for each family member included in the nomination.**

~OR~

Group/Business (Complete if nominee is a group or business)

Group/Business Name (e.g. The Smith Elementary Volunteers): _____

Suffix (if applicable): Co. Inc. LLC Other: _____

Contact Person:

Title: Ms. Mrs. Mr. Dr. Other: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name (if applicable): _____

Last Name: _____

Suffix: Jr. Sr. III Other: _____

Nominee Contact Information:

*Please use the home address for an individual or a family.

*Please use the contact person's address for a group or business.

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2 (if applicable): _____

Address Line 3 (if applicable): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Nominator Information:

Name: _____

Relationship to Nominee (e.g. Volunteer Supervisor): _____

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2 (if applicable): _____

Address Line 3 (if applicable): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature: _____

Reference Information:

*Reference must be familiar with nominee's volunteer service.

Name: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2 (if applicable): _____

Address Line 3 (if applicable): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

SECTION 5 - Completion Required

Every volunteer is worthy of recognition, however, what distinguishes the nominee from others? Please summarize the nominee's exemplary service and what distinguishes this nominee's efforts from other volunteers by answering the following:

*Except for lifetime achievement nominees, please focus on this past year of service only.

Describe the nominee's outstanding commitment to volunteerism and the agenc(y/ies) or organization(s) they have served: _____

Describe the nominee's outstanding accomplishments and the impact of their service and commitment to their agenc(y/ies) or organization(s): _____

Describe the nominee's special skills, qualities, and/or leadership: _____

THANK YOU!