

2023 Governor's Awards on Volunteerism and Community Service Nomination Form

Nominations begin April 17, 2023. All nominations must be submitted by Monday, June 19, at 5:00 p.m. EST.

The Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Awards annually recognize the significant contributions of Virginians to the life and welfare of the Commonwealth and its people. One award is presented in each of 10 categories. These outstanding award winners represent the millions of generous Virginians who offer their time and talents to others each year.

Nominees must reside and serve within the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the nomination characteristics and identified service must fall within the parameters of the description for the category selected.

Please see full Guidelines and FAQs here: <https://servevirginia.org/awards/virginia-governors-volunteerism-and-community-service-awards-2/>

* Required

Nominator Information

1. Nominator Email *

2. Nominator Name *

3. Nominator phone number *

4. Nominator mailing address *

5. Are you nominating an individual or a group? *

☐ Individual (Youth, Young Adult, Adult, or Senior)

☐ Group (Independent Group, Community Organization, Faith-Based Group, Educational Group, Small Business, Corporation)

Group Nominee

Nominees must be located in and serve within the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the nomination characteristics and identified service must fall within the parameters of the description for the category selected.

18. Award Category *

- ☐ Independent Group (Family, friends, neighborhood, or other informal group organized as volunteers for a project or organization)
- ☐ Community Organization (nonprofit, government, or tax-exempt organization)
- ☐ Faith-Based Organization (Spiritual community or faith-based group involved in volunteer service)
- ☐ Educational Organization (K-12 school or university/college program involved in volunteer service)
- ☐ Small Business (For-profit organization with 50 or less employees)
- ☐ Corporation (For-profit organization with 51+ employees)

Nominee Information

Please provide the contact information for one person who can serve as the point of contact for the nominated group. The contact information for this person should be different than the information entered before for you as the nominator.

19. Name of Group being nominated *

20. Mailing Address - include Street Address or PO Box, City, Zip (can be the business location or the mailing address for the point-of-contact) *

21. Email for point-of-contact *

22. Primary Phone Number *

23. Secondary Phone Number

Tell us about these amazing volunteers!

Tell us about this group and the contributions they have made over the past year! Please build a narrative around the organization's contributions, and be sure to focus on their impact from July 2022-June 2023.

24. Description: Please provide an overview description of the group, including details which reflect the nomination category. *

25. Direct Impact: Describe in detail how the group has addressed a community need through their volunteerism/service. What were the direct results of the group's volunteer efforts? List number of volunteers in the group, number of volunteer hours provided, number of people served, etc. from July 2022-June 2023. *

26. Intention: How did the group's service reflect their unique motivations for choosing to invest in volunteering and community service? Why did the group choose to address their chosen community need(s) through volunteerism and service? (300 words or less) *

27. Sustainability: Describe the lasting impact resulting from the group's volunteer work or service. List ways in which the group's service will have a lasting impact on individuals, an organization, the community, environment, etc. (300 words or less) *

28. Leadership: How has the group been a leader through addressing community needs? Provide a specific example that demonstrates their leadership qualities. Describe the ways in which the group has set an example or inspired other organizations and community members through their service. (300 words or less) *

29. Innovation: Describe the group's unique contributions to providing solutions to meet community needs. List results such as: building community support, generating resources, mobilizing additional volunteers, developing public/private partnerships, connecting communities and schools, encouraging civic engagement and responsibility, direct service, etc. (300 words or less) *

30. Additional Considerations: What additional information might support consideration by the judging panel? How long has the group been involved in community service, any challenges or obstacles to performing volunteer service, etc. (300 words or less) *

Letters of Support

Each of the two (2) LETTERS OF SUPPORT must: be no longer than one page; clearly state the author's relationship to the nominee and knowledge of his/her service in order to provide sufficient information on the individual or organization; not to be used to serve as both a letter of support and a nomination narrative; be submitted by someone other than the nominator and by someone not directly related to the nominee; if available, it is suggested, but not required, that letters of support be submitted on the letterhead of the letter writer's organization. Please send the letter files (PDF preferred) to virginiasserviceinfo@dss.virginia.gov and indicate which nominee the letters are supporting.

31. How did you hear about the Governor's Awards? (Choose all that apply.)

- ☐ News Media
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ [VirginiaService.virginia.gov](https://www.virginiasservice.org/) Website
- ☐ Word of Mouth
- ☐ Volunteer Virginia Newsletter
- ☐ Other

Thank you!

We are grateful for your time and effort to recognize these amazing Virginians and their contributions to the Commonwealth. Nominations will be reviewed by Virginia Service Commission staff and members of the Governor's Advisory Board on Service and Volunteerism after the nomination period closes. The scoring process for all nominations will conclude on July 11, and the highest scoring nominations will be sent to the Governor's Office for final approval prior to notification to the nominators.

Once approved by the Governor's Office, the Virginia Service Commission will notify the nominators of the selected honorees. The nominators will have the opportunity to share the news directly with the honorees. We will notify the nominators and nominees who weren't selected by the end of July.

Please contact us at VirginiaServiceInfo@dss.virginia.gov with any questions or comments.

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