

Governor's



Youth Volunteer Service Awards

2006

ANNUAL YOUTH VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Thank you for taking the time to nominate a young individual, student, neighbor, friend, or group of youth for a Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Award. Young people give thousands of hours of voluntary service each year in the State of Delaware providing vital and often critical services to our residents. Thank you for helping us to recognize those youth who have generously given so much of their time and talents to help others and to help our communities.

Send All Nominations to:
State Office of Volunteerism
ATTN: Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards
1901 N. DuPont Highway
Charles H. Debnam Building
Herman M. Holloway, Sr. Campus
New Castle, DE 19720
Telephone: 1-800-815-5465

Deadline for Nominations: postmarked by February 7, 2006

Nominations cannot be accepted after this date.

Delaware State Office of Volunteerism
NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ◆ **Eligible nominees** include individuals or youth groups where participants are 18 years old or younger or enrolled as a secondary school student. Individuals and groups must be engaged in volunteer activities addressing community needs within the state of Delaware. Nominees receiving a stipend, educational credit, or reimbursement for expenses are eligible.
- ◆ Nominees may not nominate themselves or be nominated by a family member.
- ◆ **Previous winners (individuals or groups) are not eligible for one year.**
- ◆ Nominees must have been active within the 2005 calendar year (January 1 – December 31). Nominators should include information about long-term volunteer efforts in addition to the service given in this calendar year.
- ◆ **NOTE** – Nominees selected as award winners will be recognized through the press and at an awards dinner that will be held on April 19, 2006. **Nominees' names will be made available to the media unless the State Office of Volunteerism receives written notification.**

A COMPLETE NOMINATION PACKET CONSISTS OF:

1. **An original, completed nomination form and narrative** (maximum length of 1000 words). See Section V of the nomination form for further details on writing the narrative.
 2. **Optional – Supplemental material (not to exceed five pages)**. Supplementary materials may include letters of recommendation, testimonials, news clippings, pamphlets and other documentation supporting the nominee's activities. All materials must be no larger than 8.5" x 11".
 3. **10 copies of the entire nomination packet** (nomination form, narrative and supplemental material).
 4. **A photograph of the nominee(s)**. Please include a color photograph (3"x5" or larger) or submit a digital photo on disk with packet or by email to linda.adam@state.de.us.
PLEASE NOTE: Nomination packets without the required ten copies will be returned.
- ◆ Please type in 12-pt. font or **neatly print** the information.
 - ◆ If nominating a group, please include list with each member's name and their school name(s).
 - ◆ **Do not submit** videotapes, cassettes, display materials, film, scrapbooks, books, etc. All materials and photos submitted become the property of the State Office of Volunteerism and will not be returned.

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED IN THESE ISSUE CATEGORIES:

- ◆ **Arts/Culture** – museums, performing arts, historical sites and programs; ethnic and cultural exploration or education programs; awareness and education for the arts.
- ◆ **Community Service** – volunteer service to improve a neighborhood or the community as a whole.
- ◆ **Education** – school- or community-based learning programs, early childhood development, and educational assistance at all levels.
- ◆ **Environment** – planning or implementation efforts; education; public awareness; protection or enhancement.
- ◆ **Health** – physical and mental healthcare; substance abuse prevention and rehabilitation; overall general well-being.
- ◆ **Human Needs** – job training and placement; child care; youth and community recreation; services to the elderly, homebound, disabled, families, or children; assistance to homeless and indigent persons/families; housing and short-term crisis; social services.
- ◆ **Public Safety** – assistance to victims of crime; public awareness and prevention programs; criminal rehabilitation; crisis intervention.
- ◆ **Social Justice/Advocacy** – efforts to bring together diverse groups within the community to focus on creating and strengthening social ties to address community issues or needs, or to promote equity and justice.

NOMINATION FORM – Cover Form for all copies of nomination

Nominations must be submitted on this form or a copy.

<u>I. NOMINEE</u>	<u>II. NOMINATOR</u>
Name _____	Name _____
Day Phone _____ Evening _____	Day Phone _____ Evening _____
Parents/Guardians _____	Title and Organization (if applicable) _____
Phone: Day _____ Evening _____	_____
Nominee Address _____	Address _____
_____	_____
City _____ ZIP _____	City _____ ZIP _____
County _____	Email _____
Email _____	**If nominator is not the group contact, include group contact name and phone number:
School Name _____	_____
_____	_____

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III. NOMINEE (Check one)

- Individual
- Group [include names of all group members, school name(s) and name of group contact]

IV. ISSUE CATEGORY (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts/Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice/Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Needs | |

V. NARRATIVE: Please type in 12-pt font or neatly print the following information on separate sheet.

1. **NATURE AND SCOPE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE:** When and where did the volunteer service take place? Who or what was affected? How many people were served? How many hours were involved? How many dollars were raised or saved?
2. **IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE:** How important was the service given by the nominee to the individual, organization, group, or community served? Please explain.
3. **QUALITY OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE:** Describe the effectiveness and impact of the volunteer service or activity performed by the nominee and the spirit in which the service is given. Please explain.
4. **DEMONSTRATION OF LEADERSHIP:** How has the nominee demonstrated responsible citizenship by pro-actively addressing societal needs and working well with others? Please explain.
5. **INNOVATION OF NOMINEE:** Has the nominee used new approaches in addressing problems? Has the nominee provided service to others in spite of unusual challenges and obstacles? Describe creativity used by nominee. Please explain.
6. **COMMITMENT TO VOLUNTEER SERVICE:** Does the nominee's effort demonstrate that volunteer service has been and will continue to be an important activity in his/her life? Please explain. List other volunteer or community service activities.

Nominate Your Youth Volunteer Today!!!

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**The recognition dinner for 2006 award recipients will be held on
Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at the Sheraton Dover Hotel**

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