GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

The Governor's Volunteer Service Award (GVSA) honors the true spirit of volunteerism by recognizing individuals who significantly contribute to their community through volunteer service. VolunteerNC reviews county recommendations and awards that are given out in the counties. The guidelines and application form are provided below.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

1. Nominees must have been engaged in volunteer activities for a minimum of one year in North Carolina. Volunteer service performed outside the state is ineligible.
2. Nominees are ineligible if they receive compensation for their service.
   a. This includes service done for school credit, as a "loaned executive", or for other forms of compensation.
3. Nominees are ineligible if they are required to do the service.
   a. This includes service mandated by schools, the court, or other authorities.
4. Self-nominations are ineligible.
5. Family members may not nominate their family members.
6. Groups must be nominated by someone external to the group.
7. Previous award recipients from within the past 10 years are ineligible.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. All nominations **must** be submitted on **this** nomination form or on the link on the VolunteerNC website (**volunteernc.org**).
2. All **required parts** of the nomination form **must** be completed.
3. All nominations must be **typed,** if not submitted electronically.
4. The nomination form **must** be **signed** and **dated** by the nominator.
5. Additional information and/or supporting documents **will not** be accepted.
6. Nominations must be submitted by the **deadline (Check with County Award Coordinator for local deadlines)**.
7. One additional reference is required for each nomination.

AWARD SELECTION

Award selections are based on the nominee's volunteer efforts and commitment of time, accomplishments, community impact, and enhancement of the lives of others.
Nominations are evaluated by the appropriate County Award Coordinator who submits up to 10 nominations to VolunteerNC for consideration. Of the submitted, one may be recommended (at the discretion of the County Award Coordinator) for the Governor's Medallion Award for Volunteer Service, the highest level of volunteer recognition in the state.

Please note if a group is awarded the Medallion, only one physical medallion is given to the group, and extra medallions are not available for purchase.

VolunteerNC selects award recipients based on merit and eligibility and without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, gender, national origin, or physical/mental disability.

SECTION 1 – NOMINATION CATEGORIES

Volunteer type

- ☐ **Individual:** one person providing outstanding volunteer service.
- ☐ **Group:** two or more individuals who volunteer together as a team.
- ☐ **National Service Member:** anyone who volunteers with a National Service program (AmeriCorps, VISTA, or AmeriCorps Seniors).

SECTION 2 – NOMINEE SERVICE INFORMATION

Area of Volunteer Service: Mark all that apply. Minimum 1 response req.)

- ☐ **Veteran/Military:** Notable service to military families or veterans.
- ☐ **Youth:** Extraordinary commitment to mentoring or educating youth.
- ☐ **Seniors:** Significant devotion to assisting older adults.
- ☐ **Historically Underserved Populations:** Noteworthy dedication to assisting marginalized populations.
- ☐ **Disaster:** Remarkable volunteerism in disaster preparedness, response, recovery, or mitigation.
- ☐ **Animals:** Outstanding dedication to animal welfare.
- ☐ **Cultural:** Remarkable devotion to restoring or preserving history, culture, or the arts.
- ☐ **Environment:** Exceptional commitment to environmental stewardship.
- ☐ **Health and Human Services:** Significant devotion to those in need.
- ☐ **Lifetime Achievement:** An individual who has exhibited a lifelong commitment to volunteerism and community service. Nominees must have made a substantial and long-term sustained impact on the community because of their service efforts.
- ☐ **Other:** Areas of service not listed above.

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SECTION 3 - NOMINEE INFORMATION

Title: ☐ Dr. ☐ Rev. ☐ Hon. ☐ Other:_____

Name (First and Last or Group Name):

_____

Volunteer's Home Address:_____

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City:_____**State:**_____**Zip:**_____

Phone:_____**Email:**_____

Please check the appropriate age box below: (Mark if applicable)

☐ **Youth:** aged 18 or younger

☐ **Young Adult:** aged 19-30

☐ **Adult:** aged 31-59

☐ **Senior:** aged 60 or older

SECTION 4 - SERVICE DETAILS

Organization(s) where the nominee volunteers:

_____

_____

County where service is performed:_____

For the below, provide an estimate. For group nominations, provide a combined estimate.

Number of Hours Volunteered Per Month: _____

Number of Hours Volunteered Per Year:_____

SECTION 5-NOMINATOR INFORMATION

IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NOMINATOR AND REFERENCE SECTION

1. One additional reference is required.
2. The nominator and one reference must sign and date the page.
3. Forms without the required dated signatures will not be accepted.
4. The nominator may not serve as the only reference.

Nominator Name: _____

Relationship to Nominee (ex. volunteer supervisor):

_____

Phone:_____**Email Address:** _____

Preferred method of contact (circle one): Phone / Email

Signature:_____**Date:**_____

SECTION 6 - REFERENCES

REFERENCE 1 (ONE REQUIRED From Organization of Service)

Name: _____

Relationship to Nominee (ex. volunteer supervisor):

_____

Phone:_____Email Address: _____

Preferred method of contact (circle one): Phone / Email

Signature:_____Date:_____

REFERENCE 2 (Optional)

Name: _____

Relationship to Nominee (ex. volunteer supervisor):

_____

Phone:_____Email Address: _____

Preferred method of contact (circle one): Phone / Email

Signature:_____Date:_____

SECTION 7 – NOMINEE STATEMENT

The nomination statement's purpose is to explain the main reasons this nominee is being nominated. This is important in the evaluation of the nominee's impact. Because of this, please be very descriptive in the statement. Please note: *Unless the nominee is being nominated for the **lifetime service achievement**, focus on the service done in the past year.*

Describe the nominee's outstanding commitment to volunteerism to their community and dedication to the organization they served. Describe accomplishments and how their service has helped meet needs in their community. If possible, please include measurables (numbers or quantities) that explain the nominee's impact **(150-word minimum)**.