



Chat Box Question: What is your favorite Valentines Day treat?

Welcome!

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2024 Webinar Series

VOLUNTEER WV WEDNESDAY

A free monthly webinar series, where we will explain our programs, network, provide trainings, and have fun!

Upcoming Topics

- AmeriCorps 101 : Celebrating AmeriCorps Week | March 13th
- Volunteer Management Training | April 10th
- Basic Grants Management Training | May 8th
- The Community Quilt: Rural Volunteerism | July 10th
- Register At: <https://volunteer.wv.gov/>

Today's Topic

Governor's Service Awards

- Why is Volunteer Recognition Important?
- 2024 Governor's Service Awards
- Nomination Form Tips
- Questions



**Volunteers
are love in
motion!**

**Why is volunteer
recognition important?**

Chat Box Question

How do you recognize volunteers at your organization?

**Thanking volunteers is an
important part of managing
and retaining volunteers.**

Volunteer Management Steps



Volunteer Recognition

- The Governor's Service Awards is a great way to recognize **outstanding** volunteers.
- Every nominee will receive a certificate from the Governor.
- You can submit up to 3 nominations.



2024 Governor's Service Awards





Governor's Service Awards

- The Award Ceremony will be held on **June 13th, 2024**, at the Culture Center in Charleston.
- The event is hosted annually by Volunteer West Virginia.



Award Categories

- **Youth** (6-18)
- **Young Adult** (19-25)
- **Adult** (26-59)
- **Senior** (60 and older)
- **Lifetime Achievement**
- **Group** (*Organization, Project Based Team, Family Business*)



Susan James Hagan, Wheeling



Award Ceremony Sneak Peak



Governor's Service Awards Reception



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Youth

Maren Boblits, Edmond

Young Adult

Sequoia Ware, Huntington

Adult

Susan James Hagan, Wheeling

Senior

Libby Lucas, Ansted

Lifetime Achievement

Fran Welton, Moorefield

Group

Davis Medical Center Pet Therapy Team,
Mark Roy & Ellie, Elkins

2023 Recipients



Sequoia Ware, Huntington

Nomination Form & Eligibility



Nomination Form Information

- An online nomination form can be found at <https://volunteer.wv.gov/>
- The deadline for nominations is **March 8th**
- Check out our new and improved **nomination form!**
- No essay is required.



Nomination Form Overview

All nominations to be completed online on our website.

Let's check it out!



Eligibility

- Except for Lifetime Achievement nominations must include significant **volunteer** activities in 2023.
- Posthumous nominations are not eligible
- Awards are not always given in all categories. More than one award may be made per category.
- No more than three nominations can be submitted by the same nominator.



Eligibility

- Individuals and groups that have received an award in the last ten years are not eligible for consideration.
- Employees and members of the board of Volunteer WV and the Office of the Governor are not eligible to receive an award and may not submit a nomination.

Nomination Form Tips

How To Write a Winning Nomination





1) Answer all of the questions.

- **Answer each question in detail.**
- We would recommend writing 2 – 3 paragraphs per question.
- Each question will be scored by the review panel.
- Well-written nomination forms with supporting materials score higher with the review panel.



2) Paint a clear picture of your nominee.

- Please remember that the reviewers' only knowledge about the nominee's volunteer efforts is through the material submitted with the nomination.



3) Do your homework.

- Take time to collect information about your nominee.
- Collect stories and data to paint a clear picture about your nominee's impact in the community.

5) Provide a wide variety of supporting materials.

- You can submit up to **5 pages** of supporting materials.
- Make the most of your 5 pages - This information should **add to your nomination**.
- Highlight your nominees' accomplishments and explain what makes this nominee particularly special.
- Examples: An impact story, letters of support from individuals that were served, fellow volunteers, and staff, newspaper articles, photos.

Supporting Materials Example

1. A letter from a student
2. A statement from a fellow volunteer
3. An impact story about the program from the High School Principal
4. A photo collage
5. A newspaper article about the impact of the volunteer activity



5) Save your work

- We strongly recommend you prepare your answers in a Word document and copy them into the online form when you are ready to submit your nomination.



Other Information

- All nominees will receive a certificate from the Governor
- We will post a list of recipients on our website by May 15th.
- Nominations are due by March 8th.

Questions?

Feedback Survey

Be sure to complete the Feedback Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HBSMDC5>

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