

## **Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Awards 2017**

Nominations for the **Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County awards** are currently being accepted by Worcester County Volunteer Connection on behalf of Worcester County Commissioners.

Nominations will be accepted with a winner chosen from each of the following 15 categories: youth, emerging leader, individual, lifetime achievement, member of a board, national service participant, AmeriCorps alum, exemplary service-learning, faith-based, group/team, non-profit volunteer program, small/large business, community of service, first responder and veteran.

### **Eligibility:**

- The nominated volunteer must benefit citizens and have a positive influence that addresses a community problem or enhances the quality of life in Worcester County.
- For individual nominations, the nominated volunteer service must be performed outside the context of a nominee's paid employment (i.e., it cannot be part of his/her job)
- Groups, teams, and organizations must have been operational for two years to be eligible for volunteer service award.
- Individuals or groups should not be nominated for their financial contributions or fundraising , political advocacy, roles as members of a board of directors, or in any other oversight or administrative roles in the nominating agency.
- Recipients of the Volunteer Spirit or Maryland's Most Beautiful People in Worcester County since 2010 may not be nominated.
- Self nominations or nominations of family members/spouses will not be accepted.

Forms can be found on county website [www.worcestervolunteer.org](http://www.worcestervolunteer.org) and all Worcester County Branch libraries. Make sure to read and complete all sections on the form to meet eligibility requirements. Forms can be dropped off in Snow Hill at the Worcester County Government Center in the Human Resources office on the third floor, room 1301. Fax to: 410-632-5614 or email: [kbrinkley@co.worcester.md.us](mailto:kbrinkley@co.worcester.md.us) and by mail:

Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Awards  
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***All nominations must be received no later than 5:00 pm on  
Wednesday, June 16, 2017***

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## 1. Nominator:

Nominator's Name:	
Organization (if applicable):	
Address:	
City:	
Zip Code:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Relationship to Nominee:	

## 2. Choose A or B when stating Nominee's name

<b>A.) Individual Nominee:</b> First & Last Name	
<b>B.) Group Nominee:</b> Full Name of Group	
<b>IF nominee is a group,</b> provide contact person's name and email for group:	
Nominee's Address:	
Nominee's City:	
Nominee's Zip Code:	
Nominee's Phone:	
Nominee 's Email:	

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- **Youth:** A person (aged 18 or younger - student must be attending high school) who volunteers.
- **Emerging Leader:** An individual (18 to 30) who volunteers
- **Individual:** A person (age 31 or older) who volunteers
- **Lifetime Achievement:** An individual who has exhibited *20 years* or more of commitment to volunteerism and community service. Nominees must have made a substantial and long-term sustained impact in the community as a result of their service efforts.
- **Member of a Board:** An individual serving on a board or commission whose service has gone above and beyond their board commitment.
- **National Service:** An individual member of a National Service program (AmeriCorps, VISTA, and Senior Corps(RSVP) who has demonstrated outstanding volunteer service during 2016-2017. The service must be above and beyond the requirements of the designated program.
- **Americorp Alum:** A Maryland AmeriCorps Alum whose commitment to embody service beyond their term of AmeriCorps service continues to bring about positive change in the community. Alums should have served in the 2015-2016 service year or before.
- **Faith-Based:** A youth, individual, family, group/team that volunteers through a faith-based community organization.
- **Group/Team:** A group/team of two or more people that volunteer together on the same project under a group or team.
- **Nonprofit Volunteer Program:** Nonprofit volunteers who carried out the mission of the organization by providing direct service to the community.
- **Small/Large Business:** A business that has made a substantial impact in the community by promoting community service to their employees through engaging in volunteer activities and/or by providing paid time for employees to volunteers for local organizations and/or agencies.
- **Community of Service:** Worcester County cities, towns, townships, and other identified communities who mobilize volunteers to meet pressing needs.
- **First Responder:** An individual employed in an emergency service occupation who service has gone above and beyond the call of duty in a capacity outside of their paid employment.
- **Veteran:** An individual who has served or is serving in the armed forces and volunteers in a Worcester County community in a capacity outside of their paid employment.

The narrative will be the only information used to select the recipients of the Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Awards 2017. Reviewers **will not** consider supplemental information, log on to websites for additional information, or conduct any separate research on the nominees prior to selection. Nominators **should not** submit or reference separate material; rather, they should focus on submitting a well-written and thorough narrative for consideration.

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