

Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Awards 2018

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 13 categories: youth, emerging leader, individual, lifetime achievement, member of a board, exemplary service-learning, faith-based, group/team, non-profit volunteer program, local business, county employee, 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 2012 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 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 and by mail:

Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Awards
C/O Worcester County Volunteer Connection
1 W. Market Street, Room 1309
Snow Hill, MD 21863

Questions – contact Kelly Brinkley, Volunteer Services Manager,
kbrinkley@co.worcester.md.us or 410-632-0090

***All nominations must be received no later than 5:00 pm on
Friday, June 8, 2018***

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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 contact information

A.) Individual Nominee: First & Last Name	
B.) Group Nominee: Full Name of Group	
IF nominee is a group, 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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Nominations will be accepted in these categories:

- **Youth:** An individual (age 17 or younger) who volunteers.
- **Emerging Leader:** An individual (age 18 to 30) who volunteers.
- **Individual:** An individual (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.
- **Local Business:** A business that has made a substantial impact in the community by promoting service to their employees through engaging in volunteer activities and/or by providing paid time for employees to volunteer for local organizations and/or agencies. Headquarters must reside in Worcester County.
- **Exemplary Service Learning:** Any individual or group/class, regardless of the age of the individuals, participating in service-learning activities.
- **Faith-Based:** An individual, family, group/team, or youth that volunteers through a faith-based community organization.
- **First Responder:** Any individual employed in an emergency service occupation whose service has gone above and beyond the call of duty in a capacity outside of paid employment.
- **Group/Team:** A group or team of two or more people that volunteer together on the same project(s) under a group or team name.
- **Member of the Board:** An individual serving on a board or commission whose service to the community has gone above and beyond their board commitment. Nomination should clearly explain board commitment requirements.
- **Nonprofit Volunteer Program:** A nonprofit whose volunteers have shown exemplary service in carrying out the mission of the organization through direct service to the community.
- **County Employee:** An individual employed by Worcester County Government who has provided outstanding service in the county in a capacity outside of paid employment.
- **Veteran:** An individual who has served or is serving in the armed forces and volunteers in Worcester County in a capacity outside of paid employment.

The narrative will be the only information used to select the recipients of the Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Awards 2018. 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.

