

THE
GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE
FOR VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE

GIVE AWARDS

OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

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The Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence (GIVE) Awards

Purpose

Citizens who serve in their communities as volunteers contribute to the strength and vitality of every Mississippi town and city. They keep our neighborhoods safe, mentor our children, provide essential services to the needy, comfort the elderly and respond in times of disaster.

The Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence (GIVE) Awards celebrates the exemplary work of Mississippi's most dedicated citizens. This award program, presented by Volunteer Mississippi in cooperation with the Governor's Office, recognizes and honors the valuable contributions of Mississippi's extraordinary citizens while inspiring others to follow their example. Awards will be presented to outstanding volunteer recipients at a special luncheon ceremony to be held the first Monday of National Volunteer Week.

Nomination Guidelines and Criteria

- ⇒ Individual and group nominees will be considered for awards that include specific categories, such as; youth (under the age of 18), college students, veterans, person(s) with a disability, public servants, faith-based volunteer(s), National Service participants, nonprofit organizations (for volunteer outreach), nonprofit volunteer management professionals, corporations/businesses (for employee volunteer efforts), media organizations (for volunteer outreach) and for individual lifetime achievement.
- ⇒ Nominees can also be considered for awards for giving service to a variety of specific causes, such as, but not limited to the following: Children & Families, Health, Homelessness, Hunger, the Environment, Animal Advocacy, Literacy, Education, Mental Health, Veterans & Military Families, Arts & Culture, Anti-Violence, Disaster Relief, Economic Development, and other essential causes that enrich the lives of Mississippians.
- ⇒ Nominees may be self-nominated.
- ⇒ Nominees must have performed service activities last year, but nominators are encouraged to include all of the nominee's years of service in the nomination form.
- ⇒ Individuals or groups that volunteer as part of a workplace volunteer program, internship or for course credit are eligible.
- ⇒ National Service nominees, such as, AmeriCorps, VISTA, RSVP, Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, etc., must display service "above and beyond" his/her normal duties.
- ⇒ Any recipient of a Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence Award during the past three years is not eligible for consideration.
- ⇒ More than one person and/or group may be nominated.
- ⇒ Information contained in your nomination form will be used for event publications and may be released to the media and elected officials.
- ⇒ Nominees who are chosen for an award and/or the Nominator will need to provide photos for the Awards Presentation ceremony. We ask that photos of the award recipient(s) be made available upon request, but NOT sent with the initial nomination form.

Instructions

The Nomination Deadline is 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2013. Save and/or print a copy of the completed nomination form for your records before submitting to Volunteer Mississippi by one of the following methods. Nomination forms can be **emailed** by clicking the 'Submit by email' button at end of the form. If the submit button does not work for you, please save the nomination form and email as an attachment to Krista@mcvs.org. Nomination forms can also be **faxed** to 601-432-6790, or **mailed** or **hand delivered** to: Volunteer Mississippi GIVE Awards, 3825 Ridgewood Rd, Ste 601, Jackson, MS 39211. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND PHOTOS OR EXTRA ATTACHMENTS WITH NOMINATION FORMS.**

The 2013 Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence (GIVE) Awards Nomination Form

Nomination Deadline: 5:00 PM CST, February 28, 2013

Volunteer Mississippi
3825 Ridgewood Road, Suite 601
Jackson, MS 39211

1. Nominee Information:

Nominee

(Individual or Organization)

Contact Person

(if Organization is nominee)

Address

City

State

**Zip
Code**

County

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

Fax

Email

2. Nominated by:

Nominator's Name

Organization

Address

City

State

**Zip
Code**

County

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

Fax

Email

3. Information about Nominee's Volunteer Service: up to 3 pages, 8.5" X 11"

Highlight the nominee's volunteer activities (please specify year(s) of service and approximate number of hours). Successful nomination forms will include volunteer service that has been a meaningful commitment of time and effort, addressed a real community need and/or enhanced the quality of life of Mississippians, and involved acts of generosity and kindness. Include the volunteer's efforts, accomplishments, who/what the service impacted and why the volunteer deserves special recognition. "Extra credit" is given for innovation (service that has met a community need in a manner that is both effective and out of the ordinary) and challenge (service performed despite significant obstacles).

Nominating pages begin below and continue for the next three pages. You do not have to complete all three pages, but three pages are the maximum submission.

Nominee Information Page 1

Nominee Information Page 2

Nominee Information Page 3

4. Summary of Nominee's Volunteer Service

For media purposes, please summarize the information about the nominee's volunteer service (#3 above). Please limit to the box following. Be as descriptive as possible, as this statement will be used in award announcements, press releases, and other publicity materials. There should not be any new information in this section; simply a shorter version of #3.

5. Verification

Please list the name of a reference who is familiar with the volunteer service of the nominee and is not the nominator, nominee, or a relative of the nominee.

**Reference
Name:**

**Daytime
Phone Number**

6. Elected Representatives

Please indicate the nominee's representatives in the Mississippi Legislature. If you need assistance in obtaining the name of the nominee's local senators or representative, please call 601.359.3770.

Local Senator:

Local Representative:

7. Publicity

Please list the nominee's local daily and/or weekly newspaper(s) by their full and proper names.