



2020 Governor's Service Awards Nomination Form

Nominations for the 2020 Governor's Service Awards are currently being accepted by the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism. The Governor's Service Awards recognize Marylanders who have provided significant volunteer contributions to communities around the state and have worked to change Maryland for the better. Throughout this challenging year, Marylanders have united to demonstrate extraordinary resilience, expand community relationships, and contribute to a collaborative ecosystem of service. The 2020 awards ceremony will recognize volunteer service that occurred between June 2019 - August 2020 (or longer for the lifetime achievement award).

The Nomination Form

The nominator will be asked to submit their contact information along with contact information for the individual or group nominated. In addition, the nominator must complete the narrative section describing the nominee's volunteer service and accomplishments. It is strongly encouraged that nominations include comprehensive quantitative and qualitative data to support the service described. To learn more information about the awards process, visit [our website](#).

The deadline to submit nominations is Monday, **August 24, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. ET**. Late or incomplete submissions will not be reviewed. If you have questions while completing your nomination, contact Joanna Chen from joanna.chen@maryland.gov.



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Eligibility

Any individual volunteer or group of volunteers that has demonstrated commitment and dedication to Maryland through significant and direct volunteer service between June 2019 - August 2020 (or longer) can be nominated. The nominee's volunteer service must have occurred in Maryland and must have been for the direct benefit of Maryland citizens and/or the State of Maryland. The volunteer service must not be provided for the sole benefit of a for-profit business.

- Nominations must represent outstanding volunteer service occurring between June 2019 - August 2020 for the nominating category, with the following exceptions:
 - **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.
 - **National Service:** An individual member of a National Service program (AmeriCorps or Senior Corps) who has demonstrated outstanding volunteer service during the 2019-2020 service term. The service must be above and beyond the requirements of the designated program.
 - **AmeriCorps Alum:** A Maryland AmeriCorps Alum whose commitment to embody service beyond their term of AmeriCorps service continues to bring about positive community change. Alums should have served in the 2018-2019 service year or before.
- For individual nominations, volunteer service must be performed outside the context of a nominee's paid employment (i.e., it cannot be part of their job).
- Individuals or groups should not be nominated for their financial contributions or fundraising, political advocacy, or for administrative roles in the nominating agency.
- Past recipients of the Governor's Service Awards may not be nominated again.
- Self-nominations or nominations of family members/spouses will not be accepted.
- No more than three nominations will be accepted from any individual nominator.
- Multiple submissions for the same individual or group by the same nominator will not be accepted (i.e., do not submit three forms for the same nominee).

Alternative Submission Option - Verbal

Any nominator may optionally choose to submit a verbal nomination narrative. To submit:

- email a .mp3 file (maximum 3 minutes per answer) to govs.md@maryland.gov, or
- schedule a phone call* in the virtual nomination form (*phone call will be recorded and shared as an audio file with reviewers).
 - input "verbal submission"/"not applicable" when necessary; however, written answers are encouraged for questions before the nomination narrative.

Before you begin, note that if you leave this form for another web page, your information WILL NOT be saved.

*** 1. Please provide information about you (the nominator).**

First Name:

Last Name:

Organization:

Address (include apt, suite, etc.):

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

What is your relationship to the nominee?

2. If the nominee is an individual, please provide first and last name.

First Name:

Last Name:

3. If the nominee is a group, please provide the full name of the group.

Group Name:

*** 4. Provide contact information for the nominee.**

Contact Person for Group:

Secondary Person for Group:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Secondary Contact Phone:

Email:

Secondary Contact Email:

*** 5. Where does the nominee volunteer?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Allegany County | <input type="checkbox"/> Dorchester County | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Mary's County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anne Arundel County | <input type="checkbox"/> Frederick County | <input type="checkbox"/> Somerset County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore City | <input type="checkbox"/> Garrett County | <input type="checkbox"/> Talbot County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore County | <input type="checkbox"/> Harford County | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calvert County | <input type="checkbox"/> Howard County | <input type="checkbox"/> Wicomico County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caroline County | <input type="checkbox"/> Kent County | <input type="checkbox"/> Worcester County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carroll County | <input type="checkbox"/> Montgomery County | <input type="checkbox"/> Statewide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cecil County | <input type="checkbox"/> Prince George's County | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charles County | <input type="checkbox"/> Queen Anne's County | |

*** 6. How long has the nominee volunteered* (*except for the Lifetime Achievement, AmeriCorps Alum, National Service award)?**

Number of years and months volunteered:

Years	<input type="text"/>
Months	<input type="text"/>

*** 7. Please select the appropriate award category.**

- Pandemic Response Champion:** An individual or organization that made an extraordinary contribution to Maryland communities in response to the pandemic. An individual (age 19 to 30) who volunteers.
- Steward of Social Justice:** An individual or organization that made an extraordinary contribution to the cause of social justice.
- Grassroots Leader:** An individual, family or group who took initiative to meet a community need through grassroots organizing.
- 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.
- Faith-Based:** An individual, family, group/team, or youth that volunteers through a faith-based community organization. A Maryland AmeriCorps Alum whose commitment to embody service beyond their term of AmeriCorps service continues to bring about positive community change. Alums must have served in the 2017-2018 service year or before.
- Youth:** An individual (age 18 or younger) who volunteers.
- AmeriCorps Alum:** A Maryland AmeriCorps Alum whose commitment to embody service beyond their term of AmeriCorps service continues to bring about positive community change. Alums must have served in the 2018-2019 service year or before.
- National Service:** An individual member of a National Service program (AmeriCorps or Senior Corps) who has demonstrated outstanding volunteer service during the 2019-2020 service term. The service must be above and beyond the requirements of the designated program.
- 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.
- Veteran:** An individual who has served or is serving in the armed forces and volunteers in a Maryland community in a capacity outside of paid employment.
- Corporate Business:** A corporation or business investing in exceptional, transformative employee volunteering that fuels employee fulfillment and fosters increased civic engagement in the community.
- Small Business:** A corporation or business (of 50 employees or less) investing in exceptional, transformative employee volunteering that fuels employee fulfillment and fosters increased civic engagement in the community.
- 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.
- Individual:** An individual (age 18 or older) who volunteers.
- 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.
- Government Employee/Agency:** A government employee or agency at the local, state, or federal level that has provided outstanding volunteer service to the state outside of regular work operations.

Nomination Narrative

Please answer each of the following questions in 1,000 characters or less, including spaces. To ensure that your response is within the character limit, the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism suggests that it be typed in a word document prior to pasting it here.

Narrative responses are encouraged to include strong writing, focus on the appropriate year of service, and provide comprehensive quantitative data to support service efforts - such as the number of people served and number of hours volunteered.

If you would prefer to submit a verbal nomination form, please call Joanna at (443) 255-1851 and leave a voicemail with your name and the best time to reach you. Your response will be recorded and submitted as an audio file to the review committee.

- * 8. Please provide a **brief bio for the nominated individual(s)**.

- * 9. If you are nominating an organization, please provide a **brief bio of the organization**.

- * 10. **Quantitative Data:** What were outcomes of the nominee's volunteerism between June 2019 and August 2020* (*except for the Lifetime Achievement, AmeriCorps Alum, and National Service award)? Provide quantitative data citing number of volunteer hours provided, number of people served, etc., that shows results of the volunteer service activities.

- * 11. **Qualitative Data:** What made this nominee's volunteer service extraordinary? Provide anecdotal information, such as stories and quotes to demonstrate the non-measurable impact of the nominee's volunteerism.

12. Is there anything else you would like to include?

13. Verbal Submission: if you would prefer to (additionally or alternatively) submit your nomination narrative responses in a verbal format, please provide the following information:

Best Time to Reach You: Joanna, (410) 892-9332, will contact you to record your verbal responses to the above questions. Please share the best day of the week and time slot to submit a verbal submission (estimated thirty minutes), and prepare answers (maximum 3 minutes per answer) ahead of the scheduled phone call.

Recording Consent (yes/no): Your audio recording will be shared with the nomination review committee, do you consent to the recording being used in this way?

Please review your answers before submitting. Incomplete submissions will not be reviewed.