

2021 Governor's Service Awards

Nominations for the 2021 Governor's Service Awards are currently being accepted. 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 2021 awards ceremony will recognize volunteer service that occurred between June 2020 - September 2021 (or longer for the lifetime achievement award).

The Nomination Form

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 gosv.maryland.gov/governors-service-awards.

The deadline to submit nominations is to Friday, October 1, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. EDT. Late or incomplete submissions will not be reviewed. If you have questions while completing your nomination, contact Joanna Chen from joanna.chen@maryland.gov.

Note that if you close this form your information WILL NOT be saved. Please consider preparing your answers in a separate word document, and copying and pasting into the form.

*** Required**

Eligibility

Past recipients of the Governor's Service Awards, self-nominations, and multiple submissions by the same nominator (for the same nominee) will not be considered.

Alternative Submission Options - Verbal & ASL

Any nominator may choose to submit the nomination narrative verbally or with American Sign Language. To submit:
email a .mp3 file (maximum 3 minutes per answer) to gosv.md@maryland.gov
email a .mp4 or .MOV file (maximum 3 minutes per answer) of your ASL submission to gosv.md@maryland.gov

1. The nominee's volunteer service occurred between June 2020 - September 2021 for the nominating category, with the following exceptions: Lifetime Achievement, National Service, AmeriCorps Alum. *

Mark only one oval.

True

False

2. The nominee's volunteer service occurred in Maryland and was for the direct benefit of Maryland citizens and/or the State of Maryland. *

Mark only one oval.

True

False

3. The volunteer service provided was not provided for the sole benefit of a for-profit business. *

Mark only one oval.

True

False

4. For individual nominations, volunteer service was performed outside the context of a nominee's paid employment (i.e., it cannot be part of their job). *

Mark only one oval.

True

False

Not Applicable

5. Individuals or groups are not being nominated for their financial contributions or fundraising, political advocacy, or for administrative roles in the nominating agency. *

Mark only one oval.

True

False

Nominator Information (You)

6. First Name *

7. Last Name *

8. Organization *

9. Address (include apt, suite, etc.): *

10. City *

11. State *

12. Zip Code *

13. Work Phone

14. Personal Phone *

15. What is your relationship to the nominee? *

Nominee Information (for Group/Individual)

Nominations must represent outstanding volunteer service occurring between June 2020 - September 2021.

16. Group/Individual's Name *

17. Nominee's Phone *

18. Nominee's Email *

19. Additional Contact Person *

20. Additional Contact Person's Phone *

21. Location(s) of Service *

Check all that apply.

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- Allegany County
- Anne Arundel County
- Baltimore City
- Baltimore County
- Calvert County
- Caroline County
- Carroll County
- Cecil County
- Charles County
- Dorchester County
- Frederick County
- Garrett County
- Harford County
- Howard County
- Kent County
- Montgomery County
- Prince George's County
- Queen Anne's County
- St. Mary's County
- Somerset County
- Talbot County
- Washington County
- Wicomico County
- Worcester County

22. Mailing Address

23. City

24. State

25. Zip Code

**Nomination
Information**

Please answer each of the following questions in 1,000 characters or less each, including spaces.

Please note: All selected recipients must provide a digital photograph for promotional use on social media, website, and in other recognition materials upon notification of selection.

26. Please select the appropriate award category. *

Mark only one oval.

- Maryland Strong: An individual or organization that made an extraordinary contribution to Maryland communities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Hometown Hero: An individual or group that benefited a local community through a single act or longer effort.
- AmeriCorps Alum: A Maryland AmeriCorps Alum whose commitment to embody service beyond their term of AmeriCorps service continues to bring about positive community change.
- Corporate Business: A corporation or business investing in exceptional, transformative employee volunteering that fuels employee fulfillment and fosters increased civic engagement in the community.
- Emerging Leader: An individual or group who recently took initiative to meet a community need through local organizing and volunteering.
- 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.
- 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.
- Group: 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 who volunteers.
- Lifetime Achievement: An individual who has a record of 20 years or more in volunteerism and community service.
- National Service: An individual member of any National Service program (AmeriCorps, VISTA, or Senior Corps) who has demonstrated outstanding volunteer service beyond the requirements of the designated program.
- 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.
- 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.
- Veteran: An individual who has served or is serving in the armed forces and volunteers in a Maryland community outside of paid employment.

Volunteer Program: A program whose volunteers have shown exemplary service in carrying out the mission of the organization.

Youth: An individual (age 18 or younger) who volunteers.

27. Provide a brief description of what the group/organization does. *

Describe the need the group/organization meets and how that need was identified.

28. Quantitative Data: What were outcomes of the nominee's volunteerism between June 2020 - September 2021? Provide quantitative data citing number of volunteer hours provided, number of people served, etc., that shows results of the volunteer service activities. *

29. 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. *

30. Website Address

Optional - Include a website if you'd like it to be part of the application.

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

Optional - Testimonials, YouTube Video Links, Social Media, etc.

32. Would you like assistance from the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism?

This will not impact the outcome of the external nomination review process. Commissioners will be volunteering their time and expertise to flag potential areas nominations can be strengthened, which can include but is not limited to: expanding data points, identifying impactful qualitative data, clarifying narratives, or selecting an award category.

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

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