



**2016**

*Volunteer Spirit  
of  
Worcester County  
Awards  
Nomination  
Form*

# **2016 Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Awards**

Nominations for the **2016 Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Awards** are currently being accepted by Worcester County Volunteer Connection Center.

## **The Award 2016**

The Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Awards are presented by the Worcester County Commissioners and Worcester Volunteer Connection Center each year. These awards recognize Worcester County residents for their significant volunteer contributions performed in 2015. The awards will be presented to selected recipients and invitees at an event in August.

## **Selection Characteristics**

Recipients of the Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Awards must exemplify the following characteristics:

- Engage in meaningful volunteer service in Worcester County and its residents that makes a measurable difference in the community;
- Perform extraordinary acts of generosity and kindness; and
- Through volunteerism, have made an impact on the community.

## **Eligibility**

- The nominee's volunteer service must have occurred in Worcester County and must have been for the direct benefit of Worcester County residents and/or the environment.
- 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 a volunteer service award.
- The volunteer service must not be provided for the sole benefit of a for-profit business.
- Recipients of the Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Award since 2013 may not be nominated again.
- Multiple submissions for the same individual or group by the same nominator will not be accepted.
- Self nominations or nominations of a family members/spouses will not be accepted.
- 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.

## **The Nomination Process**

Each nomination received by Monday, May 16, 2016 deadline will be reviewed by a diverse panel of staff and volunteers which represents Worcester County residents. Nominations will be scored and ranked based upon eligibility criteria, and will recommend at least one recipient in each category.

## **Selections and Notification**

Worcester County Volunteer Connection Center will announce the recipients in a press release in mid-July, and the Volunteer Services Manager will notify each recipient of his/her selection. Each individual recipient and one guest will be invited to an award ceremony in August.

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## 1. Nominator:

Contact Name:

Name of Organization (if applicable):

Address:

Address 2:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

## 2. Nominee:

Name of Individual or Name of Nonprofit/Group :

Contact Person for Group

Address:

Address 2:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

Submit by fax at 410-632-5614, email as a pdf at [kbrinkley@co.worcester.md.us](mailto:kbrinkley@co.worcester.md.us) or mail to:

2016 Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Awards  
C/O Worcester County Volunteer Services  
One W. Market Street, Room 1309  
Snow Hill, MD 21863

***All nominations must be received no later than 5:00pm on Monday, May 16, 2016***

Questions – contact Kelly Brinkley, Volunteer Services Manager, 410-632-0090, ext. 1403.

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## **3. Please make sure to check appropriate award category:**

- YOUTH:** A person (aged 18 or younger attending school) who volunteers.
- INDIVIDUAL:** A person (aged 18 or older) who volunteers.
- LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT:** An individual who has exhibited a lifelong 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.
- FAITH-BASED:** An individual, family, group/team, or youth that volunteers through a faith-based community organization.
- 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.
- NONPROFIT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM(501c3):** Nonprofit volunteers who carried out the mission of the organization by providing direct service to the community.
- CORPORATE/BUSINESS:** A corporation or 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.
- COMMUNITY OF SERVICE:** Maryland cities, towns, townships, or other identified communities that mobilized volunteers to meet pressing needs.
- EXEMPLARY SERVICE-LEARNING:** Any group(club or school class) regardless of the age of the individuals participating in the service-learning activities.
- COUNTY EMPLOYEE:** An individual employed by the county of Worcester who has provided outstanding service in the county in a capacity outside of paid employment.
- TOWN/CITY EMPLOYEE:** An individual employed by the a town in Worcester County who has provided outstanding service in the town in a capacity outside of paid employment.
- STATE EMPLOYEE:** An individual employed by the state of Maryland who has provided outstanding service to the state in a capacity outside of paid employment.
- FIRST RESPONDER:** An individual employed by in an emergency service occupation whose service has gone above and beyond the call of duty in a capacity outside of paid employment.
- 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

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4. For each nomination, please provide the information below in a narrative. The narrative should be written in paragraph form (i.e. not as a bulleted list).

\*\*\*\*\***Print or Type Only**\*\*\*\*\*

A. Provide a brief overview of the nominee - biographical information about individual. If group, give information about organization.

B. What motivated the nominee to volunteer or why was the group created?

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C. What did the nominee accomplished in 2015 (or all the accomplishments for a lifetime achievement nominee)? Provide quantitative data citing number of volunteer hours performed and number of people served. State how their volunteer service activities resulted in success for the community in which they served.

D. What made this nominee's volunteer service extraordinary? Provide anecdotal information such as stories, quotes, etc. to demonstrate the non-measurable impact of the nominee's volunteerism. *Separate sheet of paper can be used if necessary.*

The narrative will be the only information used to select the recipients of the 2016 Volunteer Spirit Awards of Worcester County. Reviewers will not consider supplemental information. Nominators should not submit or reference separate material.