

Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County 2024 Nomination Form



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The Nomination Process

Nominations for the Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County awards are currently being accepted by Worcester County Volunteer Connection on behalf of Worcester County Commissioners. The awards recognize Worcester residents who have provided significant volunteer contributions in Worcester County. This year, the awards will represent outstanding service occurring in March 2023 – March 2024 (or longer for the lifetime achievement award).

Nominations will be accepted with a winner chosen from each of the following 8 categories: individual, emerging leader, group/team, non-profit volunteer program, faith-based, local business, veteran, and lifetime achievement. **Applications are being accepted from Monday, April 1, 2024 – May 31, 2024.**

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.*
- Self nominations or nominations of family members/spouses *will not be accepted.*

Nominators are expected to assist in notifying selected individual(s) or group.

Each **nomination** will include the following information:

- Contact information for the **nominee and nominator**,
- Worcester County resident or organization making nomination
- Approximate number of hours/durations of volunteerism
- Selected award category
- Complete nomination narrative

Answers to the nomination narrative should be written in paragraph form (i.e. not as a bulleted list) and contain under 1,000 characters. Late or incomplete submissions will not be reviewed. **The deadline for submission is Friday, May 31, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. EDT.**

Nomination Narrative:

1. Please provide a **brief bio for the nominated individual(s)**.
 - If you are nominating an *organization*, please provide a **brief bio of the organization**.
2. **Quantitative Data:** What was the impact of the nominee's volunteerism between June 2023 – May 2024. (*except for the Lifetime Achievement). Provide number of volunteer hours provided, number of people served, etc., that *shows results* of the volunteer service activities.
3. **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.

Make sure to read and complete all sections on the form to meet eligibility requirements.

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Nomination Form:

1. Online submission is available at www.worcestervolunteer.org under the “News” tab to use a fillable pdf for your nomination.
2. Nomination forms are available to pick up at all Worcester County Government Center, Room 1301 – Human Resources Office.
3. If you need assistance submitting your nomination, contact Kelly Brinkley – 410-632-0090, ext. 1403 or email at kbrinkley@co.worcester.md.us

Submit Nomination:

- You can select from the list below to submit your nomination:
 - **Online** through Worcester Volunteer Connection
 - **Human Resources office** on the third floor, room 1301 in The Worcester County Government Center.
 - **Fax** your nomination form at 410-632-5614
 - **Email** your nomination form - kbrinkley@co.worcester.md.us
 - **Mail:**

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

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

Nominations will be accepted in these categories:

- **Individual:** An individual (age 18 or older) with exceptional volunteerism in the community.
- **Emerging Leader:** An individual or group who recently took the initiative to meet a community need through local organizing and volunteering.
- **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:** A nonprofit whose volunteers have shown exemplary service in carrying out the mission of the organization through direct service to the community.
- **Faith-Based:** An individual, family, or group/team that volunteers through a faith-based community organization.
- **Local Business:** A business 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 the Worcester County’s community in a capacity *outside of paid employment*.
- **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 which can be a result of volunteering for one or more nonprofits throughout their 20 years of service.

Review, Selection, and Notification

Each nomination received by the posted deadline of May 31, 2024, will be reviewed by the County Commissioners. Kelly Brinkley will notify each award recipient by no later than July 19, 2024. The award winner and nominator will be invited to the August 20, 2024, County Commissioner’s meeting to be presented the award of Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County.

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Nominator's Name:	
Organization's Name (if applicable)	
Address:	
City:	
Zip Code:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Relationship to Nominee:	

Section for Individual, Emerging Leader, Veteran, Lifetime Achievement ONLY:

Nomination Category:	
Nominee's First & Last Name:	
Nominee's Address:	
Nominee's City:	
Nominee's Zip Code:	
Nominee's Email:	
Nominee's Daytime Phone Number/Cell:	

Section for Group/Team, Faith-based, Nonprofit Volunteer Program, Local Business ONLY:

Nomination Category:	
Full Name of Group:	
Contact Person's Full Name for Group:	
Contact Person's Address:	
Contact Person's City:	
Contact Person's Zip Code:	
Contact Person's Email:	
Contact Person's Daytime Phone Number/Cell:	

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1. Provide a brief summary of the nominee (i.e., biography of individual or organizational data for group)?

2. What was the impact of the nominee's volunteerism between June 2023 and May 2024* (*except for the Lifetime Achievement nominee). Provide quantitative data citing number of volunteer hours provided, number of people served, etc., that shows specific and measurable results of the volunteer service activities. (Example: Sally volunteered 5 hours a week working with 10 children in the after-school program. By the end of the school year, 100% of the students had improved in their reading levels.)

3. What made this nominee's volunteer service extraordinary? Provide information such as stories and quotes to demonstrate their impact of the nominee's volunteerism. How do they exemplify their "Volunteer Spirit" in Worcester County?