



# Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards Nomination Form

Young people give thousands of hours of voluntary service each year in the State of Delaware, providing vital services to our residents. Nominate a young individual, student, neighbor, friend, or group of youth who have given their time and talents to help others and our communities.

## NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ◆ **Eligible nominees** include individuals or youth groups where participants are 18 years old or younger or enrolled as a secondary school student in 2010-2011 school year. Individuals and groups must be engaged in volunteer activities addressing community needs within the State of Delaware.
- ◆ **Nominees may not nominate themselves or be nominated by a family member.**
- ◆ Previous winners (individuals or groups) are not eligible for one year.
- ◆ Nominees must have been active within the 2010 calendar year (January 1 – December 31). Nominators should include information about long-term volunteer efforts in addition to the service given in 2010.
- ◆ **NOTE** – Nominees selected as award winners will be recognized through the press and at an awards ceremony to be held in April. **Nominees' names and nominator contact information will be available to the media and on our Facebook page (Volunteer Delaware) unless the State Office of Volunteerism receives written notification.**

**Send All Nominations to:**

**State Office of Volunteerism**

**Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards**

1901 N. DuPont Highway

Charles H. Debnam Building

New Castle DE 19720

If you have ANY questions, please email Carrie Hart at [carrie.hart@state.de.us](mailto:carrie.hart@state.de.us) or call 857-5006.

**Deadline for Nominations: postmarked by February 14, 2011**

Nominations cannot be accepted after this date

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**A COMPLETE NOMINATION PACKET CONSISTS OF  
10 COLLATED COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS:**

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- ❑ A narrative (500 words or less) addressing the six items listed in Section E Narrative, neatly printed or typed. If nominee has been active in a number of organizations and or has done a variety of activities for one organization, please list ALL pertinent activities/organizations in this narrative.
- ❑ Supplemental materials may be included but may not exceed five pages. Examples include letters of recommendation, testimonials, news clippings, etc. These inclusions should be on activities included in the narrative, but can expound on a single effort if the nominee does multiple activities. Materials must be no larger than 8.5" X 11" Please do not submit tapes, display materials, scrapbooks, etc.

**Nomination packets without the required ten copies will not be accepted.**

- ◆ Please type in **12-pt. font** or **neatly print** the information.
- ◆ **If nominating a group, include a list with each member's name and their school name(s).**
- ◆ All materials and photos submitted become the property of the State Office of Volunteerism and will not be returned.

**AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED IN THESE ISSUE CATEGORIES:**

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- ◆ **Arts/Culture** – museums, performing arts, historical sites and programs; ethnic and cultural exploration or education programs; awareness and education for the arts.
- ◆ **Community Service** – volunteer service to improve a neighborhood or the community as a whole.
- ◆ **Education** – school- or community-based learning programs, early childhood development, and educational assistance at all levels.
- ◆ **Environment** – planning or implementation efforts; education; public awareness; protection or enhancement.
- ◆ **Health** – physical and mental healthcare; substance abuse prevention and rehabilitation.
- ◆ **Human Needs** – job training and placement; child care; youth and community recreation; services to the elderly, people with disabilities, families, or children; assistance to homeless and indigent persons/families; housing and short-term crisis; social services.
- ◆ **Public Safety** – assistance to victims of crime; public awareness and prevention programs; criminal rehabilitation; crisis intervention; disaster preparedness; firefighting and emergency medicine.
- ◆ **Social Justice/Advocacy** – efforts to bring together diverse groups within the community to address community issues or needs, or to promote equity and justice.

## **NOMINATION FORM**

Nominators may use this form or a separate sheet of paper – be sure to include all requested information.  
Incomplete nomination forms cannot be accepted.

<b><u>A. NOMINEE</u></b>	
Individual or Group Name _____	
Day Phone _____	Evening _____
Parents/Guardians _____	
Phone: Day _____	Evening _____
Nominee Address _____ _____	
City _____	ZIP _____
County _____	
Email _____	
School Name _____	

<b><u>B. NOMINATOR</u></b>	
Name _____	
Day Phone _____	Evening _____
Title and Organization (if applicable) _____ _____	
Address _____ _____	
City _____	ZIP _____
Email _____	
<b>**If nominator is not the group contact, include group contact name and phone number:</b>	
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**C. NOMINEE** (Check one)

- Individual
- Group (**include names of all group members and their school name(s) on a separate sheet of paper**)

**D. ISSUE CATEGORY** (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts/Culture      | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Health      | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice/Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education         | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Needs |  |

**E. NARRATIVE:** Please **clearly answer each the following questions**; type in a **12-pt font** or neatly **print**.

1. Describe the nature of volunteer activity or activities or service(s) and the need for the service(s).
2. Detail the scope of the nominee's volunteer activity, e.g., has helped to meet community needs; has played multiple roles in the same organization; has served in a number of organizations; has affected how many people/what geographic areas by the service(s).
3. Describe the influence of the activity or activities on the recipients of the service, the organization, the community or the environment.
4. Describe the nominee's commitment to service, e.g., has spent a large number of hours in one year to complete a complex task; consistent service to project(s) over an extended number of years.

5. Describe if/how the activities of the nominee demonstration leadership, e.g., sees and takes on tasks that need doing; takes on responsibility for recruiting/training other volunteers; self motivated; assists with implementation of program updates.
6. Define the innovation and/or creativity used by the nominee, e.g., initiates new and different program(s); suggests changes in existing program to meet needs in a more effective way; suggests innovative ways to meet new needs or to recruit volunteers.

**Nominate A Youth Volunteer Today!**

**2011 GOVERNOR'S YOUTH  
VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS**



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**The recognition event for award recipients will be held in April.**