



Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards

2022

The Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards (GVSA) is an annual event that honors the efforts of volunteers from across Tennessee. Each year one adult and one youth are selected to receive this prestigious award in recognition of their exemplary volunteer service in the county. The guidelines and application for this award is listed below.

Award Guidelines

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Any adult or youth (age 25 or younger) whose volunteer activities in {Hamblen Co. or Cocke County} County benefit the community in a substantial, important, or unique way. Activities can include, but are not limited to serving nonprofits, neighborhood groups, schools and faith-based organization
- Students receiving course credits are eligible, only if the volunteer service extends beyond course requirements. This must be clearly indicated in the nomination letter
- National Service program participants (AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps*VISTA, RSVP, Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, etc.) are encouraged to apply based on their volunteer involvement in their national service assignment

WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE?

- Individuals involved in "court mandated community service" or those serving as "loaned executives."
- Persons who receive compensation for service rendered (except National Service participants noted above)
- Individuals, who have previously received a Governor's Volunteer Stars Award
- More than one individual (Family members will need to be submitted as separate nominations. Corporate and civic volunteer groups, businesses and nonprofits may be interested in submitting a nomination for the GVSA Business and Nonprofit awards, go to www.volunteertennessee.net for more information.)



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Award Guidelines (continued)

NOMINATION FORM & PROCESS

- Volunteers may be nominated by anyone or may nominate themselves. In the event that an individual is nominated multiple times, the review panel will consider only the first nomination form submitted.
- The nomination narrative should specifically be formatted and address questions for the Governor's Volunteer Star Awards. If it is written as a nomination for another award, it will not be given to the judges for consideration.
- A submission of a resume or list of nominee's accomplishments/service does not meet narrative requirements. Please review "Tips for a Great Nomination" suggestions on writing nomination narratives and letters.
- The narrative should also reflect the four categories of the judging criteria, which are:
 - **Need:** Service addressed a specific need in the community (i.e. poverty).
 - **Action:** The nominee was actively involved and took initiative.
 - **Innovation:** The nominee used creative methods to solve community problems.
 - **Impact:** The activity or service produced positive changes and provided an example to others.
- The Selection Committee uses a scoring rubric in order to ensure fairness and transparency.

DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

The deadline to submit this application is **November 11th, 2022**. Completed nomination forms should be submitted to **Rebecca@tcac1.org** or mailed to **TCAC Attn. Rebecca Grubb 740 E. Main Street, Morristown, TN 37814**.

By submitting a nomination, you are confirming that Volunteer Tennessee, sponsor of the Governor's Volunteer Star Awards and the GVSA County Coordinator may use this information to highlight the service of your nominee in various forms of media.

WINNER NOTIFICATION

The 2022 GVSA Youth and Adult Honorees will be notified via **email**.

AWARD PRESENTATION

The 2021 GVSA Ceremony is planned for **April 2, 2023** at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs in Franklin, TN. GVSA honorees will receive an invitation closer to the event.



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County Nomination Form

COMPLETE ALL FIELDS FOR NOMINATION TO BE CONSIDERED.

I. Nominee Profile

First and Last Name of Nominee: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Physical Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ County: _____

Mailing Address (if different, from physical): _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Organization/s Where Nominee Serves: _____

Organization Contact Name: _____ Organization Phone: _____

Organization Email Address: _____

ONLY select ONE county of service.

Does the nominee's service primarily take place in **Cocke County**? Yes No

Does the nominee's service primarily take place in **Hamblen County**? Yes No

Please mark the appropriate box:

Youth Volunteer (Under 25)

Adult Volunteer

Youth Volunteer age _____

Adult Volunteer age _____

If volunteer is under the age of 19, please provide the legal guardian's information here:

Legal Guardian's Name _____ Phone Number _____ Email Address _____



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II. Nominator Profile

Full/Legal Name of Nominator:

Company/Organization

Daytime Phone:

Other Phone:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email Address:

Relationship to Nominee:

How did you hear about the County's Volunteer Awards?

Newspaper website volunteer activity friend other _____

III. Nomination Narrative

Please explain why your nominee should be considered for a Governor's Volunteer Star. **The narrative must answer the following questions:**

1. What organization(s) does the nominee serve with?
2. How long has the nominee completed volunteer activity with the organization(s)?
3. What type of service does the nominee perform?
4. What makes the nominee's volunteer service unique and/or creative?
5. What is the extent to which the nominee's service goes above the call of duty?
6. How does their service address or solve a local community need?
7. What is the degree to which their services/actions have made a lasting contribution or meaningful impact on their community?
8. What sets the nominee apart in terms of their character and/or commitment to the community?

Please make sure that your narrative is no more than **400** words, single-spaced on 8 1/2 x 11 paper with one-inch margins and typed in 12-point font.

IV. Photograph

Please submit at least one photograph of the nominee.

V. Additional Photograph

Please feel free to include 1-2 additional photographs that reflects the nominee's service.