



Spirit of Volunteerism Awards **Information**

Hanover County's 27th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event

The Hanover County Board Supervisors have had a time honored tradition of annually celebrating and recognizing outstanding volunteer service with a celebration event. In addition, the Board members present the ***Spirit of Volunteerism Awards*** to pay tribute to outstanding Hanover County residents as well as individuals and groups whose volunteer service activities benefit the citizens of Hanover County.

Who has inspired you by their example of true volunteer spirit?

Nominate them today!

The goal of the ***Spirit of Volunteerism Awards*** is to honor and applaud the outstanding but often unrecognized efforts of our community volunteers. Your devotion of time to nominate an outstanding volunteer contribution affirms your belief in the power of community volunteerism.

We look forward to the opportunity to honor your nominee's volunteer efforts. If you have any questions, please contact volunteer@co.hanover.va.us or (804) 365-4300.

NOTE: This document accompanies the hard copy version of the nomination form. If you wish to submit your nomination on-line, visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2011spiritofvolunteerism>.

CRITERIA

You may submit up to two nominations. The categories are as follows:

- Spirit of One
- Spirit of Youth
- Spirit of Dedication
- Spirit of Team
- Spirit of Family
- Commitment to Community

And *new this year* - Spirit of Inspiration, which honors an individual who has volunteered 20 years or more for a specific organization.

Award recipients will be selected from each category and will receive:

- An engraved plaque.
- A financial donation made in their honor to the tax-exempt organization designated on the honoree's nomination form. (Excluding the Commitment to Community)
- A nomination submission made on behalf of the award recipient to the statewide Governor's Community Service and Volunteerism Awards.

All nominees will be honored and award recipients will be announced during the 2011 *Spirit of Volunteerism* Celebration. Mark your calendars to attend this community-wide event:

Spirit of Volunteerism Celebration
Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 7p.m.
Hanover High School Auditorium

NOMINATION CATEGORIES

Spirit of One: This award is designed to honor the services and commitment of an individual adult volunteer 19 years of age or older. Two honorees will be named in this category, one of which will honor service in a school setting.

Spirit of Youth: This award is presented to an exceptional youth volunteer or to a group whose members are 18 years or younger or still attending high school.

Spirit of Dedication: This award honors the volunteer service of an individual 60 years of age or older.

Spirit of Family: This award is designed to honor the volunteer activities of two or more family members working together for a common purpose.

Spirit of Team: This award recognizes a group or team of two or more adult volunteers working toward a common purpose.

Spirit of Inspiration: This award honors an individual who has volunteered 20 years or more for a specific organization.



Commitment to Community – this award honors a Hanover County business that exemplifies strong community values and a sustained commitment to supporting the community. Note: The award recipient will receive an engraved plaque. No financial award contribution will be made in this category.

ELIGIBILITY

The annual ***Spirit of Volunteerism Awards*** are presented to individuals and groups who have performed outstanding volunteer service. Anyone may nominate! We encourage you to think of volunteers of any age serving small or large organizations, government, schools, neighborhoods, faith-based outreach or civic lead community service or others!

- Those eligible for nomination include Hanover County residents as well as individuals or groups whose volunteer service activities benefit the citizens of Hanover County.
- No more than two (2) nominations may be submitted by one organization or individual
- Organization staff and relatives or friends of volunteers are encouraged to submit nominations. In addition, volunteers or groups may self-nominate.
- The nominee's organization must serve the community at large. Religious, fraternal or professional groups providing services to their members only are not eligible.
- Award check will be made payable to a qualifying tax-exempt organization.
- Individuals are NOT eligible for a monetary award.
- Volunteer service may be performed for student course credit.
- Nominations and attachments will not be returned.
- Decisions made by the judging panel will be final.
- All entries for the 2011 Spirit of Volunteerism Awards must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2011.

JUDGING

The ***Spirit of Volunteerism Awards*** judges consist of impartial business and community leaders selected from Hanover County. Judges will not review incomplete nominations.

NOMINATION CHECKLIST

- **Complete the *Spirit of Volunteerism Awards* nomination**
Be as descriptive as possible. Your narrative responses will be evaluated on the following elements:
 - **Activity:** Describe the nominee's service.
 - **Need:** Describe the needs being addressed by the nominee. You may also include approximate hours or time commitment the nominee has contributed to these efforts.
 - **Impact:** Describe the impact or difference the nominee's service has made. Estimate the number of people affected.
 - **Why you believe your nominee deserves to receive this award**

- **Submit 1 "in action" photo of the nominee volunteering.** We may use this photo in a slideshow that honors the nominees during the ceremony. *See photo policy below. Please email the photo to: volunteer@co.hanover.va.us.

- **Submit two letters of support** (on letterhead where applicable) written by representatives of the program(s) or institution(s) for which the nominee volunteers. Email, fax or mail the letters to: volunteer@co.hanover.va.us, (804) 365-4299 or Community Resources, PO Box 470, Hanover, VA 23069.

*****Nominations are due Tuesday, March 1 by 5:00 p.m.*****

***Photo Policy:** Photos of nominees submitted with this nomination are for Hanover County use and may appear without further consent in program publicity, newspapers, brochures and/or other media. Submission of photo implies agreement with this statement and permission for Hanover County to utilize for promotional, advertising or other purposes. Photos will not be returned. Extensions for submission of the electronic photo may be granted if all other nomination documentation is received by March 1st. Contact 804-365-4302 if photo extension is needed.