

Call for Nominations

The 2007 Spirit of New Hampshire Awards

Recognizing Outstanding Contributions To Volunteerism



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The **Spirit of New Hampshire** awards program recognizes outstanding contributions to volunteerism and expands on the many local and regional volunteer recognition events that occur throughout New Hampshire each year. The program provides a timely “snapshot” of the many different ways citizens and organizations from all regions of the state contribute to life in New Hampshire.

Nominations for **Spirit of New Hampshire** awards are accepted year-round in two broad categories: *Volunteer Service Awards* and *Volunteer Program Champion Awards*. Just visit the Volunteer NH! website for detailed guidelines and nomination forms. Volunteer Service Nominations in the Youth, Adult and Senior categories are also eligible for a New Hampshire Volunteer of the Month Award.

Think about people, non-profits, businesses, schools, church groups, service clubs, municipalities, and state agencies that contribute to everyday life in your region - through their volunteer service or support for volunteers. Then make some nominations! The process is simple and we're here to help with any questions. Nomination packets are now available on our website.

Nominations are accepted on an on-going basis. (To be considered for a category award at the November 7th gala in Concord, nominations must be received by September 14, 2007)



2007 Spirit of New Hampshire Awards Gala: Wednesday, November 7
Reception 5 - 6 PM Dinner 6 - 7 PM Awards Presentation 7 - 8 PM
Grappone Conference Center Concord, New Hampshire



2007 Spirit of New Hampshire

Volunteer Service Awards Nomination Form

Spirit of New Hampshire Volunteer Service Awards recognize outstanding individuals and groups who provide direct volunteer services that strengthen communities and improve the lives of people in New Hampshire. Nominations are accepted year-round in any of the categories below and must be received by Volunteer NH! by September 14, 2007 to be considered for a category award at the Spirit of New Hampshire fall celebration on November 7, 2007 at the Grappone Center in Concord. Nominations in the Youth, Adult and Senior categories are also eligible for a *New Hampshire Volunteer of the Month Award*. Nominators may use this form – or a *NH Volunteer of the Month Form* – also available at www.volunteernh.org.

(Please note that *NH Volunteer of the Month Awards* are presented to individuals only- in youth, adult and senior categories.)

Guidelines:

- Volunteers or volunteer groups may be nominated by an individual or organization with knowledge of the nominee's service.
- Nominees must serve the community at large.*
- Service must be performed in New Hampshire.
- **Service must be performed outside the context of a nominee's paid employment.**
- Previous award winners are not eligible for nomination in the same category.

Volunteer Award Categories:

- **Youth** – Recognizes the dedication of an individual 17 years of age or younger who has contributed to the improvement of his/her community through volunteerism.
- **Adult** – Recognizes the dedication of an individual age 18 to 54 years of age who has contributed to the improvement of his/her community through volunteerism.
- **Senior** – Recognizes the dedication of an individual age 55 years of age or older who has contributed to the improvement of his/her community through volunteerism.
- **Family** – Recognizes a NH family that exemplifies a spirit of “family volunteerism” in their community. (Families come in many different forms including: single parents, grandparents raising children, and adults without children.)
- **Group** – Recognizes the dedication of a group of 2 or more individuals who have contributed to the improvement of their community through volunteerism. Nominations will be considered in two-sub- categories: adult group (over 18 years of age) and youth group (under 18 years of age).
- **National Service** – Recognizes a current individual member of an AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps*VI STA, AmeriCorps National Direct, Senior Service Corps or other National Service program in New Hampshire.

**Service may not be limited to partisan political involvement or religious activities, nor limited to an organization's own membership.*

Nomination Process Instructions:

1. Download nomination materials available on our website at www.volunteernh.org or call Volunteer NH! to have them sent to you. (603) 271-7200.
2. Review the categories and criteria and complete the nomination form as directed.
3. Complete a "Letter of Nomination" of 500 words or less in which you describe the nominee's contributions, the length of their service, and the impact their service has had on other individuals and the community. Include any other information that describes why you feel this person or group is outstanding .
4. Include up to 2 "Letters of Support" from others in the community who are familiar with the nominee's contributions and who can add further information and support for the nomination. (Maximum of 2 letters, please.)
5. You may submit nominations for Volunteer Service Awards at any time during the year. However, to be considered for a category award at the November celebration gala, nominations must be received by **Sept. 14, 2007**. Please submit the nomination as one packet containing:
 - Nomination form
 - Letter of Nomination
 - Letter(s) of Support
6. Send packet by mail or FAX to Volunteer NH! at:

Volunteer NH!
117 Pleasant Street
Dolloff Building
Concord, NH 03301
Phone/TTY: (603)271-7200 In NH 1-800-780-8058
FAX: (603)271-7203
www.volunteernh.org

** Please Note:

An appointed panel of community leaders and volunteers will review the nominations and make the award decisions. All nominees and award recipients will receive letters of congratulations prior to public announcement.

2007 Spirit of New Hampshire Nomination Form

Volunteer Service Award

Please check the appropriate category for your nomination:

- Youth Adult Senior Family National Service
 Adult Group Youth Group

Nominee Name: _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

If the nominee is a group, please add:

Number of active volunteers _____ Number of supervising staff (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominator Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Please list two additional individuals (non-family) who have knowledge of the nominee and their volunteer activities:

Name: _____ Relationship to Nominee: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name: _____ Relationship to Nominee: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please submit this form, the Letter of Nomination and Letters of Support (Maximum 2) as one packet according to the Nomination Process Instructions.

Do you have the nominee's permission to nominate? Yes No

* To be considered for a category award at the 2007 Spirit of New Hampshire Awards Celebration in November 2007, nominations must be received by **September 14, 2007**. (Completed nominations in the youth, adult and senior categories will also be eligible for a **Volunteer of the Month Award** for one year from the date of submission.)



2007 Spirit of New Hampshire

Volunteer Program Champion Awards Nomination Form

Spirit of New Hampshire **Volunteer Program Champion Awards** recognize programs or initiatives that provide exemplary support to volunteers. These awards honor excellent volunteer management (recruitment, orientation and training, on-going support, and recognition of volunteers), fund development efforts that sustain volunteer programs, and commitment of time/resources to engage employees in community volunteer roles. Recipients of Volunteer Program Champion Awards are recognized once annually at the fall Spirit of New Hampshire celebration gala.

(Please Note: Nominees are programs or organizations only - as described in the categories below. Individuals must be nominated according to the guidelines for **Volunteer Service Award**.)

Guidelines:

- Entities may nominate themselves or be nominated by others with knowledge of the nominee's support of volunteer service.
- Nominated entities must serve the community at large.*
- Nominated entities must support service performed in New Hampshire.
- Previous award winners are not eligible for nomination in the same category.

Volunteer Program Champion Award Categories:

- **Business** - recognizes businesses that demonstrate community involvement: by encouraging employee volunteerism, by actively participating in community service events; and/or by providing pro-bono assistance. Awards will honor large businesses (over 100 employees) and small businesses (under 100 employees).
- **Non-profit Organizations**- recognizes non-profit organizations that demonstrate excellent management of volunteers: recruitment, orientation and training, placement and supervision, and recognition. Award will honor large non-profits (50 employees or more) and small non-profits (under 50 employees).
- **State Agencies** - Recognizes a state agency that demonstrates excellent management of volunteers, supports employee volunteerism in the community, and/or engages in partnerships that promote sustainability of volunteer initiatives.
- **Municipalities** - Recognizes a town or city that demonstrates excellent management of volunteers, supports employee volunteerism in the community, and/or engages in partnerships that promote sustainability of volunteer initiatives.
- **Schools** - Recognizes schools that demonstrate community involvement by encouraging and supporting student volunteerism through service clubs, service-learning and civic engagement initiatives, fundraising, community service and other activities. Awards will honor K-12 schools and Higher Education (college/university).

- **Local Service Club** – Recognizes service organizations that demonstrate excellent management of volunteers, encourage member volunteerism through local initiatives, and/or engage in partnerships that promote sustainability of volunteer initiatives.. Awards will honor adult service clubs (primary membership over age 18) and youth service clubs (primary membership under age 18).
- **Faith Based Groups** – Recognizes faith-based organizations that demonstrate excellent management of volunteers, encourage member volunteerism, and/or engage in partnerships that promote sustainability of volunteer initiatives.

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Nomination Process Instructions:

1. Download nomination materials available on our website at www.volunteernh.org or call Volunteer NH! to have them sent to you. (603) 271-7200.
2. Review the categories and criteria and complete the nomination form as directed. Please call with any questions.
3. Complete a "Letter of Nomination" of 500 words or less that describes the nominee's contributions, the types of volunteer supports provided, the number of active volunteers, and the impact of the volunteer program in the community. Include any other information that describes why you feel the nominee is outstanding.
4. Include up to 2 "Letters of Support" from others in the community who are familiar with the nominee's contributions and who can add support for the nomination. (Maximum of 2 letters, please.)
5. Submit by **September 14, 2007** the completed nomination as one packet containing:
 - Nomination form
 - Letter of Nomination
 - Letter(s) of Support
6. Send packet by mail or FAX to Volunteer NH! at:

Volunteer NH!
 117 Pleasant Street
 Dolloff Building
 Concord, NH 03301
 Phone/TTY: (603)271-7200 In NH 1-800-780-8058
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2007 Spirit of New Hampshire Nomination Form
Volunteer Program Champion Awards

Please Check The Appropriate Nomination Category Below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Non-profit | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Non-profit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality | <input type="checkbox"/> K-12 School | <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Service Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Service Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-based Organization | |

Program Champion Name: _____

Category: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

E-mail: _____

Nominator Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

E-mail: _____

Please list two additional individuals who have knowledge of the Champion and its support of volunteer activities:

Name: _____ **Relationship to Champion:** _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Name: _____ **Relationship to Champion:** _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Please submit this form, the Letter of Nomination and Letters of Support (Maximum 2) as one packet according to the Nomination Process Instructions.

Do you have the nominee's permission to nominate? Yes No

**** To be included in the 2007 review process, nomination packets must be received by Sept. 14, 2007.**