



2020 Governor's Service Awards



[Serve Wisconsin](#) is proud to present the annual Governor's Service Awards to honor outstanding national service participants, volunteers and programs that have met the pressing needs in their communities and enriched lives throughout Wisconsin.

Recipients will be honored at the Governor's Service Awards ceremony, which will be held virtually on Thursday, October 15, 2020.

Recognition Categories

For programs operating or people serving in Wisconsin between 1/1/19 and 8/31/20, with the exception of the Alumni categories.

- ★ **Governor's AmeriCorps Member of the Year Honoree:**
To an AmeriCorps member who, over the course of the year, has made significant contributions to Wisconsin through their service efforts.
- ★ **Governor's AmeriCorps Program of the Year Honoree:**
To an AmeriCorps program that, over the course of the year, has made significant contributions to Wisconsin through their service efforts.
- ★ **Governor's AmeriCorps VISTA Member or Program of the Year Honoree:**
To a VISTA member or VISTA program who, over the course of the year, has made significant contributions to Wisconsin through efforts to fight poverty.
- ★ **Governor's Senior Corps Volunteer of the Year Honoree:**
To a Senior Corps volunteer who, over the course of the year, has made significant contributions to Wisconsin through efforts using their invaluable skills and experience.
- ★ **Governor's Senior Corps Program of the Year Honoree:**
To a Senior Corps program that, over the course of the year, has made significant contributions to Wisconsin through efforts using their invaluable skills and experience.
- ★ **Veteran Volunteer of the Year Honoree:**
Recognizes a veteran who has met a community need beyond his/her military service duties.
- ★ **Volunteer Engagement Honoree:**
This award recognizes an innovative and inspiring Volunteer Center Director or Volunteer Manager that effectively engages and/or manages volunteers who confront community needs through volunteerism.
- ★ **Marty Stein Friend of National Service Exemplary Supporter:**
To an exemplary supporter – individual or organization – of a national service program in Wisconsin, whether that support is monetary, in-kind, or volunteer time. The late Mr. Stein was the first President of the Serve Wisconsin Board.
- ★ **Governor's AmeriCorps Alumni of the Year Honoree:**
To a former AmeriCorps member that has made significant contributions to the state of Wisconsin in the years following the conclusion of their term of service with AmeriCorps.
- ★ **Governor's AmeriCorps VISTA Alumni of the Year Honoree:**
To a former VISTA member that has made significant contributions to the state of Wisconsin in the years following the conclusion of their term of service with VISTA.
- ★ **COVID-19 Response Volunteer of the Year Honoree:**
Recognizes an individual volunteer who has made significant contributions to meet community needs in response to COVID-19
- ★ **COVID-19 Response Organization of the Year Honoree:**
Recognizes a program or organization who has made significant contributions to meet community needs in response to COVID-19

Nomination and Selection Process

Nomination Eligibility

- ★ All nomination forms and statements must be received by Serve Wisconsin by midnight on Sunday, September 13, 2020.
 - If you do not receive a confirmation email that your nomination was received within two working days, please send a follow-up email to confirm your nomination was received
- ★ Individuals may submit a nomination for more than one person or program.
- ★ Individuals may submit a nominee for consideration in more than one category, if applicable.
- ★ Self-nominations are welcome by individuals or programs.
- ★ Employees and board members of Serve Wisconsin are not eligible to receive recognition or make nominations.

Application Submission

- ★ Nominations should include the nomination form, the nomination statement, and any optional supporting documents
- ★ The nomination statement must include sections with the following headings and address one or more questions within each application category:
 - Motivation for Service
 - Excellence in Performance
 - Impacts of Service
 - Totality of Service for Recognition
- ★ The nomination statement may not be longer than three (3) pages, typed with one-inch margins and 11-point Calibri font.
- ★ Supporting materials (letters of support, news clippings, photographs, brochures, video links, etc.) are encouraged for providing additional detail and support, but are limited to five (5) pages of text and ten (10) images
 - Supporting materials are not required and there is no expectation of them being this extensive (simply providing caps on these submissions)
- ★ Please submit the nomination statement and supporting materials as either a Word document, PDF, or shared Google Doc, with images shared either as a JPEG, PNG, or through Google Drive.
 - Please do not submit physical/original copies of support materials, including display materials, photographs, news clippings, scrap books, video/audio discs, etc., as these cannot be easily returned or scored by peer reviewers.
- ★ The information provided in the nomination statement and supporting materials may be used in recognition announcements, press releases, and other publicity materials.

Selection Process

- ★ Serve Wisconsin will appoint review panels for the selection of winners, with reviewers not scoring for categories/individuals where they have a conflict of interest.
- ★ Nominations will be scored based on the following percentage breakdowns by category, with strong applications addressing the questions within these categories with supporting details and compelling descriptions in the application form and/or the supporting materials:
 - Motivation for Service (10%)
 - Excellence in Performance (30%)
 - Impacts of Service (30%)
 - Totality of Service for Recognition (30%)
- ★ The goal of the Governor's Service Awards is to recognize outstanding service efforts; therefore, recognition may not be given in all categories.
- ★ Only one award is expected to be made per category, no nominee may receive more than one award (if nominated in multiple categories), and the decisions of Serve Wisconsin are final.
- ★ Honorees will be notified no later than October 1, 2020.

Questions? Contact Kyle Clower at 608-267-9893 or kyle.clower@wisconsin.gov



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Governor's Service Recognition Nomination Form



Due Date: Sunday, September 13, 2020

Recognition Category (check those that apply to this nomination):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AmeriCorps Member of the Year Honoree | <input type="checkbox"/> Marty Stein Friend of National Service Exemplary Supporter (Individual or Organization) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AmeriCorps Program of the Year Honoree | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AmeriCorps VISTA Member or VISTA Program of the Year Honoree | <input type="checkbox"/> AmeriCorps Alumni of the Year Honoree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Corps Volunteer of the Year Honoree | <input type="checkbox"/> AmeriCorps VISTA Alumni of the Year Honoree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Corps Program of the Year Honoree | <input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19 Response Volunteer of the Year Honoree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran Volunteer of the Year Honoree | <input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19 Response Organization of the Year Honoree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Engagement Honoree | |

*** ATTACH THIS PAGE TO NOMINATION PAPERS ***

Nominee Information:

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Organization Affiliation _____

Home Address _____
Street City Zip Code

Preferred Telephone (____) _____

Stream of Service: ____ AmeriCorps ____ VISTA ____ Senior Corps ____ Other

Nomination Submitted By:

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Organization Affiliation _____

Home Address _____
Street City Zip Code

Preferred Telephone (____) _____

Nomination Statement and Scoring Criteria

Please address each of the four nomination scoring categories in a distinct section of the nomination statement. Applications should address at least one of the questions within each section with supporting information, with stronger responses likely addressing more than one when possible. The sections do not need to be sub-divided by question and can be answered in a standard paragraph form. The nomination statement may not be longer than three (3) pages, typed with one-inch margins and 11-point Calibri font. Please submit the nomination statement as a Word Document, PDF, or Google Doc.

Supporting materials should address the topics within these categories to provide additional or bolstering information, but letters of recommendation and other documents do not need to be broken down by category or address each category.

Scoring for nominations will be calculated with the categories weighted by the below percentages, with the reviewer scores based upon how the service by nominees was exemplary, impactful, and meaningful as expressed in the nomination statement and any included supporting documents.

MOTIVATION FOR SERVICE (10%)

- ✦ What motivated the nominee to become involved in their service activities?
- ✦ How does the nominee bring a passion or commitment to making a difference to their service?
- ✦ What community needs does the nominee attempt to address and how have they structured their service/program to meet these needs?

EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMANCE (30%)

- ✦ How did the nominee go above and beyond the requirements and expectations of their role/position while performing their service?
- ✦ How did the nominee use innovative or exemplary approaches in performing their service?
- ✦ How did the nominee overcome personal, logistical, systemic, or other unique challenges to perform their service?

IMPACTS OF SERVICE (30%)

- ✦ How has the service provided by the nominee impacted recipients, the community, and/or their organization in meaningful ways?
- ✦ What specific or measurable results demonstrate the impact of the service done by the nominee?
- ✦ What stories/anecdotes demonstrate the impact of the service done by the nominee?
- ✦ How did the nominee meet community needs through their service and/or how was their service responsive, asset-based, and reflective of the community served?

TOTALITY OF SERVICE FOR RECOGNITION (30%)

- ✦ Why should this nominee be honored with a Governor's Service Award as the most outstanding person/program in this category?

Serve Wisconsin must receive nominations by midnight on Sunday, September 13, 2020

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