



2017 Missouri Community Service Commission Annual Celebration of Service and Volunteerism Awards

The Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) is seeking nominations for the 2017 Annual Celebration of Service and Volunteerism. Awards are presented annually to individuals and groups at an Awards Celebration ceremony to acknowledge their commitment to serve their communities. If selected or have fulfilled the criteria for the President's Volunteer Service Award, you will be notified and provided details to attend the ceremony. Please review the information that follows for a complete description of each of the awards, what is required to be considered for the awards, and the deadline date for submission.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Nominations are due by **3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2017** to the Missouri Community Service Commission. Applications are to be scanned and e-mailed to christine.gardner@ded.mo.gov. Any nomination received after the deadline **will not be considered for the award**. If you have any questions, contact Christine Gardner at (877) 210-7611 or (573) 526-7559.

SUMMARY OF SERVICE PROJECTS

In the box below, provide a small write-up that showcases (2) service projects that inspired you to serve and volunteer; or has impacted you to continue to serve and volunteer. Also, include any other community service efforts you would like highlighted. This information may be used for media purposes, marketing materials, awards ceremony, etc.

You must also provide 5 (five) digital photos: 1 headshot or group photo (whichever applies to the Nominee), and 4 action shots of the Nominee performing community service.

AWARD CATEGORY

Please indicate the type of award nomination form being submitted for this Nominee to be considered.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Show-Me Volunteerism Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Corps Service Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AmeriCorps State Service Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AmeriCorps VISTA Service Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Partners in Service Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Direct Service Award | <input type="checkbox"/> President's Volunteer Service Award |

NOMINEE'S CONTACT INFORMATION

If the Nominee is a minor, complete the 'Parent/Guardian Contact Information' box also. Whether the Nominee is a person or an organization, type the name as you wish it to appear on the award, if selected. If applying for the President's Volunteer Service Award, do not complete this page.

Full Name/Organization Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip Code: County:

E-mail Address: Phone Number:

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian(s) e-mail address:

Parent/Guardian(s) phone number:

Note: (must provide contact information for the Parent/Guardian if a minor; preferably an e-mail address or both)

NOMINATOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

E-mail Address: Phone Number:

AWARD APPLICATION

Please answer EACH question for the award that is specific to the nomination. **If all questions are not answered, the nomination will not be considered.**

❖ Show-Me Volunteerism Award

The Show-Me Volunteerism Award was established to honor individuals demonstrating dedication, outstanding service and volunteerism in the pursuit of improving communities and changing lives. The Show-Me Volunteerism Award was created by the Missouri Community Service Commission to honor the late Governor Carnahan's commitment to service and to the citizens of the State of Missouri. This award recognizes one outstanding volunteer from Missouri who has exhibited a long-term commitment to volunteerism. This volunteer's impact should be broad-based and comprehensive including both hands-on experiences and leadership roles. ***The Nominee cannot be in a paid position for the volunteer and leadership services provided.***

1. How is the Nominee a role model in service and volunteerism?

2. Give examples of the Nominee's ability to direct and educate others while promoting service and volunteerism.

3. How has the Nominee made an impact on the community and/ or the State of Missouri?

❖ **Service Award (AmeriCorps State, AmeriCorps VISTA, National Direct, Senior Corps)**

To qualify for this nomination, Nominees must have served in one of the following programs: AmeriCorps State, AmeriCorps VISTA, National Direct, or Senior Corps. The MCSC Service Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service over and beyond the requirements of their designated program.

1. Describe the Nominee's personal strengths, knowledge, and abilities that characterize his/her leadership in the community.

2. Describe the Nominee's leadership or organizational role(s) that he/she demonstrated through national service?

3. How has the Nominee made an impact on the community and/ or the State of Missouri?

❖ **MLK Day of Service Award**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, *“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?”*

Each year, Americans across the country answer that question by coming together on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday to serve their neighbors and communities. The MLK Day of Service is a part of [United We Serve](#), President Obama’s national call to service initiative. It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems. MLK Day is an opportunity to start your year off right by being a catalyst for positive change in your community.

For more information about the MLK Day of Service, go to www.mklday.gov. You can also find helpful tips on developing a service project and examples of projects administered in previous years. This website provides the opportunity for you to register your project and helps connect people in finding volunteer opportunities. The MCSC encourages colleges, universities, schools, not-for-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, and everyone across the great State of Missouri to participate in volunteering activities on the MLK Day of Service.

To be considered for this award, you must participate or administer a community service project that represents the humanitarian legacy left by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His legacy embodied community action to solve social problems, meeting a tangible need, and/or embracing the civic responsibilities of empowering individuals for change.

Project Title:

1. Project Description (*project must address a social problem*)

2. Why was this project chosen?

3. What was accomplished by this project?

4. What lasting impact(s) did this project have on the community?

5. Estimated cost of the project: \$

6. Estimated number of beneficiaries served by the project:

7. Estimated number of volunteers who contributed to the project:

8. Is the project ongoing? Yes No

❖ **Partners in Service Award**

The Partners in Service award is to provide recognition from the state of Missouri to organizations – both for-profit and non-profit – which make Missouri a great place to live through their dedication to community volunteerism. Recognized organizations are those which have a process in place to encourage and promote volunteerism by their employees, members or constituents. For example, corporations may provide employee incentives for volunteer service which creatively involve their members in community betterment. Also, efforts to encourage service must be continual, meet a real need, and demonstrate significant impact.

Complete the following application to be considered for this award:

1. **For-Profit Organization** **Non-Profit Organization**

If you checked 'For-Profit', indicate the percentage of employees that participate in community service. %

2. **Total number of volunteer hours served in 2016:**

3. **Describe the methods to promote service within your organization.**

4. **Describe the types of service(s) performed.**

5. **Provide one example of a service project completed by your organization and its impact on the community. More weight will be given to projects with *measurable outcomes*.**

❖ **President’s Volunteer Service Award**

The President’s Volunteer Service Award is the premier volunteer awards program, encouraging United States citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and national recognition. For more information, go to www.presidentserviceawards.gov.

Award Criteria

Any individual, family, or group that meets the program’s criteria can receive Presidential recognition for volunteer hours served over a 12-month period or over the course of a lifetime. Criteria for recognition are:

- Recipient(s) must be United States citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of the United States.
- Awards are issued for service hours served within a 12-month time period or over the course of a lifetime.
- Awards are issued for volunteer service only; additional levels of participation with the organizations (i.e., charitable support) are not a factor considered for the award.
- Court-ordered community service **does not** qualify for the award.
- Awards are issued by approved Certifying Organizations.
- Service must be with a Certifying Organization that is legally established in the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or one of the United States territories.
- Must submit documentation that verifies the number of hours the volunteer has served within a 12-month period or over the course of a lifetime (whichever is applicable). Documentation must be verifiable by the Certifying Organization where the service was provided. (i.e., submitted on letterhead)

Section I – Eligibility/Award Category

Hours are measured over a 12-month period and awards are designated based on cumulative hours. The awards are offered in multiple levels and are designed to recognize each milestone of your service achievement. Levels include bronze, silver, gold, and the highest honor, the President’s Lifetime Achievement Award for those who contribute more than 4,000 hours of service in their lifetime.

Along with the ultimate honor of presidential recognition, recipients will receive a personalized certificate, an official pin, and a congratulatory letter from the president of the United States.

Choose the category that is applicable by circling the appropriate age group placing a check mark in the box that represents the correct amount of service hours:

AGE GROUP	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	PRESIDENTIAL LIFETIME	✓
Kids (5-10 yrs)	26-49 hours	50-74 hours	75 + hours	4,000 + hours	
Teens (11-15 yrs)	50-74 hours	75-99 hours	100 + hours	4,000 + hours	
Young Adults (16-25 yrs)	100-174 hours	175-249 hours	250 + hours	4,000 + hours	
Adults (26 & older)	100-249 hours	250-499 hours	500 + hours	4,000 + hours	
Families and Groups *	200-499 hours	500-999 hours	1,000 + hours	N/A- only applies to individuals	
<i>* Two or more people, with each member contributing at least 25 hours toward the total.</i>					

❖ **Indicate the Volunteer(s)’ service affiliation to one of the following programs (if applicable):**

- AmeriCorps State
 AmeriCorps VISTA
 NCCC
 Senior Corps

Section II - Individuals

If the Nominee is a minor, complete the 'Parent/Guardian Contact Information' box also. Whether the Nominee is a person or an organization, type the name as you wish it to appear on the award, if selected.

Full Name of Volunteer:

Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

E-mail Address: Phone:

Section III - Family and Groups

Attach a list of individuals within the group.

Volunteer Group Name:

Contact Person:

Contact's Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Contact's E-mail Address:

Contact's Phone Number:

MINOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian(s) e-mail address:

Parent/Guardian(s) phone number:

Note: (must provide contact information for the Parent/Guardian if a minor; preferably an e-mail address or both)

Section IV – Nominator's Contact Information

Full Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip Code: County:

E-mail Address: Phone:

Checklist to Submit MCSC-Service & Volunteerism Award Application

Please note that if all requirements are not followed, the nomination will not be considered. All required questions **MUST** be answered. Again, the deadline to submit the nomination is by **3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2017**. Any nomination received after this date and time will not be considered for the award.

	CHECKLIST	PAGE #	✓
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3.	Completed Nominator Information section.	2	
4.	Completed Award Application section. <i>(according to type of award application being submitted)</i> <p><u>Show-Me Volunteerism Award</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completed questions #1 – 3 <p><u>Service Award (AmeriCorps State, AmeriCorps VISTA, National Direct, & Senior Corps)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completed questions #1 – 3 <p><u>MLK Day of Service Award</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completed questions #1 – 8 <p><u>Partners in Service Award</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completed questions #1 – 5 <p><u>President’s Volunteer in Service Award</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completed Section I – Eligibility/Award Category ▪ Completed Section II – Individuals (if applicable) ▪ Completed Section III – Family/Group (if applicable) ▪ Section IV – Nominator Information 	3-4 5-6 7-8 9 10-11	