Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards
2014

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Any individual whose volunteer activities in Tennessee benefit the community or the State of Tennessee in a substantial, important, or unique way.

- 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).

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

- Volunteers may be nominated by anyone or may nominate themselves.

- The nomination letter should specifically be formatted for the Governor’s Volunteer Star Awards according to the judging criteria listed below. If it is written as a nomination for another award, it will not be given to the judges for consideration of this award.

- In the event that an individual is nominated multiple times, the review panel will consider only the first nomination form submitted.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- **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.