



Missouri Community Service Commission's Annual Celebration of Service and Volunteerism

The Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) is seeking nominations for the 2010 Annual Celebration of Service and Volunteerism. Awards are presented annually to individuals and groups to acknowledge their commitment to serving their communities. The celebration will take place on April 29th in Jefferson City, MO. The location and time will be announced at a later date. Please review the information that follows for a complete description of each of the awards to be presented on April 29th.

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2010 Missouri Community Service Awards

Nominee Information

Full Name

Address

City State Zip

Email Address

Phone

Nominator Information

Full Name

Address

City State Zip

Email Address Phone

Award Category

- Show- Me Volunteerism Award
- Service Award-AmeriCorps
- Service Award-Senior Corps
- Service Award- Service Learning
- Service Award-AmeriCorps *VISTA
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
- High School Student-Volunteer Community Service Award

Legislator Information

If you would like a Specific legislator in-

Senator Name District Co. /

Representative Name District Co./

Instructions

- Use a 12-point font and one inch margins, front side only.
- Responses to the questions are limited to three 8.5" x 11" sheets, double-spaced pages for all questions.
- Ensure all questions listed are answered in each category, spelling, punctuation, grammar and clarity of writing are important.

Submission Deadline

All nominations must be received by Friday, February 12, 2010 3:00 p.m.

Missouri Community Service Commission

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In addition to these questions, please complete form provided on page 2 and follow the instructions.

Show-Me Volunteerism

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 recognize the late Governor Carnahan's commitment to service and to the citizens of the state of Missouri. This award will recognize 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.**

How is the nominee a role model in service and volunteerism? The nominee must be dedicated to service and volunteerism and willing to do hands-on work. They must inspire and motivate others to make a difference in their own community or state through service and volunteer activities. Describe the nominee in terms of public responsibility and citizenship.

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

How has the nominee made an impact on the community and/ or State of Missouri? The nominee must have made an impact on the community or state. Explain how many people were helped and how it changed the community or state.

MCSC Service Awards

To qualify for this nomination, nominee must have served in either AmeriCorps* State, AmeriCorps *VISTA, Learn and Serve or Senior Corps. The MCSC Service Awards recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service over and beyond the requirements of their designated program, such as AmeriCorps* State, AmeriCorps *VISTA, Learn and Serve (only students may be nominated), and Senior Corps.

What qualities (personal strengths, knowledge, and abilities) does the nominee possess which make him or her a service leader in the community? Describe the effect that involvement with National Service has had on the personal growth of the nominee.

Describe the nominee's participation in national service projects and the overall national service program. In addition to service performed, what leadership or organizational roles has he or she assumed with national service? What is the nominee's level of involvement in planning the service project(s)? What is the nominee's level of involvement in the implementation of service project(s)? Does the nominee take a leadership role in the community at large? How does the nominee exemplify National Service?

What impact has the nominee's participation in national service made on the community? Give quantitative data such as a number of people served and value of service in addition to "success stories". Does the service project(s) the nominee has planned and/or led meet the needs of the community? What is the population of the community and was a significant demographic helped by this service project(s)? Describe. Does this type of service(s) currently exist in the community? Was public awareness raised because of this project(s)? What was the public response to the project (s)? Examples.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

The Missouri Community Service Commission encourages colleges, universities, schools, not-for-profits, faith-based organizations, and basically everyone across our great state to get involved on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. For more information about the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and to register your project (**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**) or for helpful tips on developing a service project, visit www.mlkday.org.

Project Requirements: Project must occur on Monday, January 18, 2010. Project must address a social problem.

Please use the below outline to describe your project.

- Project Title
- Why did you choose this project?
- What did you or your organization accomplish?
- What lasting impacts, if any, did this project have on the community?

High School Student-Volunteer Community Service Awards

The Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) and the East Missouri and West Missouri Optimist Districts have established a state-wide high school student-volunteer outstanding community service recognition awards program. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors of every high school in Missouri are eligible to be nominated if they meet or exceed the nomination criteria. High schools will be grouped into 20 Areas throughout the State. Four winners will be selected for each Area. Each of the 80 winners will receive an award plaque. From the 80 state-wide winners, the final eight will be selected to receive an award plaque and an educational grant of either \$1,000 or \$750 that will be provided by Pfizer, Inc., the corporate sponsor. Please go to the MCSC web site home page (www.movolunteers.org) to find files that provide additional information such as 1). What type of community service qualifies for these high school student-volunteer awards (“Community Service Defined: Expected Questions”); 2). 2009-2010 Nomination Criteria; and 3). Nomination Materials.

Interested student-volunteers must (1) have their non-profit organization complete the community service evaluation section of the nomination materials; (2) complete a student-volunteer log of activities (use an existing form or the sample provided in the nomination materials; and (3) have their high school community service coordinator verify their eligibility and certify their volunteer service by March 5, 2010. The high school will then select one student-volunteer from each class from the pool of applicants for the Area Award and forward these 4 nominations to the local Optimist Club High School Coordinator by March 12, 2010. Optimist Club Area Coordinators contact information may be obtained through the MCSC office at 877-210-7611. The 80 Area Award plaques will be presented by local Optimist Clubs. The Final Eight Educational Grant Awards and plaques will be presented at the April 29 MCSC Annual Celebration of Service and Volunteerism.

Program Objectives

1. To encourage high school youth to develop a sustained focus on volunteering in their local communities throughout their high school years.
2. To encourage the beginning of a “life-long” focus in our Missouri high school youth for “giving back”.
3. To increase our Missouri high school youth exposure to “values in action” as they engage in their volunteer community service.

2009-2010 Nomination Criteria

1. Be a positive school citizen.
 - a. Demonstrated caring and considerate attitude toward other students and faculty
 - b. No office discipline referrals
2. For community service to be considered for this award, it must be completed during June 2009 - April 2010. To qualify for nomination, student-volunteers must meet or exceed 50 to 200 community service hours (service to community outside of regular school day) based upon their high school class level. Community service hours accumulate each year. Hours completed in one year will be counted toward the qualification level of the next year.

Freshman	50 hours to qualify
Sophomore	100 hours to qualify
Junior	150 hours to qualify
Senior	200 hours to qualify
3. Obtain verification and evaluation through a community non-profit business owner, civic leader, pastor, or other individual of the duties performed in service of the community utilizing the provided “High School Student-Volunteer Community Service Evaluation”.
4. The student-volunteer may not receive any payment for community service hours.
5. Student-volunteers seeking nomination for this community service award will submit a written 250 word summary or essay regarding the educational value and/or the impactful insights that they have realized through their volunteer experience. Student-volunteers are encouraged to write this summary or essay themselves; however, they may use an advocate to help them prepare it.

The Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) proudly presents the

President's Volunteer Service Award

Would you like to honor a volunteer connected to your organization? If so, please complete the form that follows, and return it, *along with supporting documentation of volunteer hours (i.e. time logs)*, to the Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) by **Friday, February 12, 2010**:

America has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service. Now more than ever, volunteers are renewing their commitment to helping others and making new connections that bring us closer together as families, as neighbors, as communities, and as a Nation. The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation (the Council) was established in 2003 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage more people to serve. The Council created the President's Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service. Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service, encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation, and inspires others to make service a central part of their lives. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard—measured by the number of hours of service over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime.

The MCSC has become a certifying organization, allowing us to present the PVSA award to qualified individuals, families, or groups who have served a designated number of hours in a 12-month period, or over the course of a lifetime. **Awards will be presented at the MCSC Annual Celebration of Service & Volunteerism in Jefferson City, MO on April 29, 2010.**

Presidential Volunteer Service Award Criteria:

Bronze Level

Kids (14 and under): 50 to 74 hours in a 12 month period

Young Adults (ages 15-25): 100 to 174 hours in a 12 month period

Adults (ages 26+): 100 to 249 hours in a 12 month period

Family & Groups: 200 to 499 hours in a 12 month period

Silver Level

Kids (14 and under): 75 to 99 hours in a 12 month period

Young Adults (ages 15-25): 175 to 249 hours in a 12 month period

Adults (ages 26+): 250 to 499 hours in a 12 month period

Family & Groups: 500 to 999 hours in a 12 month period

Gold Level

Kids (14 and under): 100 hours or more in a 12 month period

Young Adults (ages 15-25): 250 hours or more in a 12 month period

Adults (ages 26+): 500 hours or more in a 12 month period

Family & Groups: 1,000 hours or more in a 12 month period

Lifetime

All ages: 4,000 hours or more over a lifetime

President's Volunteer Service Award

Nomination Form

Only one nomination per organization is permitted. In order for the nomination to be considered, you **must** attach documentation that verifies the number of hours the volunteer has served in either a 12-month period, or over a lifetime.

Nomination Guidelines: Only U.S. citizens qualify for the award. Activities should be unpaid and may not include court-ordered community service. National service participants (i.e. AmeriCorps Members) who receive a stipend are not eligible for the PVSA. However, Members who do not receive a stipend, such as AmeriCorps*VISTA or NCCC Members, may be eligible.

Please complete either section I or II, **and** sections III and IV

Section I. Individuals

Name of Volunteer: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

National Service Program Affiliation (if applicable): AmeriCorps Senior Corps VISTA Learn and Serve America

Section II. Family & Groups

Group Name: _____

(Attach a list of individuals within the group)

Contact Person for Group: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

National Service Program Affiliation (if applicable): AmeriCorps Senior Corps VISTA Learn and Serve America

Section III. Nominator Information

Name of Nominator: _____

Nominator's Organization: _____

Nominator's Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Section IV. Award Criteria (select one): (hours must be served in a 12-month period)

Bronze: Kids(50-74 hrs) Young Adults (100-174 hrs) Adults (100-249 hrs) Family/Group (200-499 hrs)

Silver: Kids (75-99 hrs) Young Adults (175-249 hrs) Adults (250 – 499 hrs) Family/Group (500-999 hrs)

Gold: Kids (100+ hrs) young Adults (250 + hrs) Adults (500+ hrs) Family/Group (1,000+ hrs)

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Missouri Community Service Commission

- Established in 1994 as a direct response to the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993.
- 15-25 Members are appointed by the Governor and meet quarterly.
- Awards grants to local organizations enabling the establishment of AmeriCorps and other National Service programs.
- Operates as a “point” organization to promote and recognize volunteers and to support quality service projects.
- Oversees AmeriCorps programs in Missouri.

Since 1994, more than 500,000 men and women have served in AmeriCorps, providing needed assistance to millions of Americans through projects ranging from tutoring, youth mentoring, public safety, housing rehabilitation, health care, environmental issues, and disaster relief.