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Becoming a commission nominee is simple.

Two steps make the application process easy. It's So Becoming!

Becoming Familiar
Becoming A Nominee

Step One: *Becoming Familiar*

Volunteer Tennessee is the 25 member volunteer commission that qualifies our state to receive federal AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America grants. Its mission is to encourage volunteerism & community service.

Volunteer Tennessee administers AmeriCorps, the domestic Peace Corps where hundreds of Tennesseans give a year of their lives in service to meet community needs in education, environment, public safety and human needs in return for help with college or loan repayments. We partner with the Department of Education and Lions Clubs International to support service-learning, a teaching methodology that combines academic and behavioral learning with volunteer service for K-12 youth. Volunteer Tennessee also works with volunteer centers and other collaborations to encourage community service and volunteering.

Each year Governor Bredesen appoints about nine new Commission members for three year terms beginning in January. Nominations are kept on file throughout the year; however, most decisions are made in late fall. Volunteer Tennessee submits a package of nominations collected by November 15 to the Governor's office for consideration. At least three names are submitted for every open slot; so, the Governor's appointments process is definitely competitive.

The full commission has 25 diverse members from across the state who represent various constituencies. By law, no more than 13 members can be from any one political party.



Commissioner responsibilities include:

- Attending quarterly meetings in Nashville
- Making at least one annual site visit to a Volunteer Tennessee-funded program
- Serving actively on a Volunteer Tennessee committee
- Developing relationships to benefit Volunteer Tennessee
- Serving as an active ambassador for national and community service

Step Two: *Becoming A Nominee*

Complete the "Application For Gubernatorial Appointment..." and the Supplemental Application. Then send the Application, Supplemental Application and your resume to Volunteer Tennessee for inclusion in its nomination submission for the Governor's review. **Please submit your application package no later than October 1.**

To submit directly to the Commission, please send to:

Volunteer Tennessee
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 12th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243
Or via email to: Jim.Snell@tn.gov
Or via fax to: 615-532-6950

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For more information, see www.volunteertennessee.net or contact Executive Director Jim Snell at 615-253-1426 or jim.snell@tn.gov

APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT TO A BOARD OR COMMISSION

Board or Commission for which you would like to be considered:

VOLUNTEER TENNESSEE

(Please Print or Type)

Name, Address and Business Information

(Please Print or Type)

Name: (First, Middle, Last)	Title: Mr. Ms. Mrs.
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Home Address:	Business Address:
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Zip Code:	Zip Code:
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Home Phone:	Business Phone:
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Home Fax:	Business Fax:
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eMail:	Current Employer:
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House District:	Senate District:	Occupation:
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Personal Information:

Gender: Female Male	Date of Birth:	Social Security No:
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Education and General Qualifications:

Level	Name of School	Location (City, State)	Did you Graduate?	Type Degree(s)	Year Graduation/ Degree Awarded	Major Course of Study
High School/GED						
College/Other						
Graduate/Postgrad.						

Licenses held (if applicable):

Special Skills and Qualifications:

Community Activities/Organizational Affiliations (current):

Declarations

Are you registered to vote in Tennessee? Yes No	Are you a citizen of the U.S.? Yes No
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Have you ever been convicted of a crime or felony? Yes No (If yes, provide written details)	Are you a Permanent Resident of the U.S.? Yes No
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Have you ever had a professional/occupational license revoked, or suspended as a result of disciplinary action? Yes No	Is there anything in your background that might become an embarrassment to you if it were to become public? Yes No
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Are you a current employee of the State of Tennessee? Yes No	Are you a current employee of the U.S. government? Yes No
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Are you currently serving on a board or commission? Yes No	Please list the board or commission:
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Diversity Information. *The Governor desires broad representation on boards representative of the entire State. The information below will assist in this goal and is voluntary on your part.*

Ethnicity: *(Of what race or ethnicity do you consider yourself to be?)*

___ Black/African-American	___ White/Caucasian	___ Native American
___ Latino/Hispanic	___ Asian or Pacific Islander	___ Other
___ Senior/Elder Citizen (60 yrs or older)	___ Veteran of U.S. Armed Forces	___ Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transgendered (GLBT)
___ Person with Disabilities	___ Young Adult (16-24 yrs)	___ Other

(Note: You should also attach a current resume or biographical sketch to this application form)

I certify that the facts and declarations contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize investigation of all statements contained herein and any personal references that I may include, or later provide, to obtain any and all pertinent information.

Signature:

Date:

**VOLUNTEER TENNESSEE
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Name:

Federal legislation requires that state service commissions include representatives of the following categories. Please check if you qualify as a representative for one or more of the categories.

	Expertise in the educational, training and developmental needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth
	Community-based agencies or organizations
	Local government
	Business
	Local labor organization
	Volunteer program participant or supervisor aged 16-25
	National service program representative
	Experience in promoting involvement of Baby Boomers or older adults in service and volunteerism

Federal legislation encourages but does not require representation from the following categories. Please check if you qualify for one or more of these categories.

	Local educator
	Expert in delivery of human, educational, environmental or public safety services
	Representative of Indian tribes
	Out-of-school or at-risk youth
	Representatives of entities that receive assistance under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973

Federal legislation requires that no more than 13 members of the commission be drawn from a single political party. Tennessee does not have formal party affiliation. To fulfill this requirement, nominees are asked to disclose whether they consider themselves as:

	Democrat
	Republican
	Independent

Thank you for your support of the Volunteer State.

The mission of Volunteer Tennessee is to encourage volunteerism and community service.

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