What is the Governor’s Volunteer Stars Awards?

The Governor’s Volunteer Stars Awards is an annual event held to honor the efforts of outstanding volunteers from across Tennessee. Since 2008, Volunteer Tennessee, the Governor’s State Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, has hosted this event with the goal of having a youth and an adult volunteer from all 95 counties in the state represented.

The 2019 Governor’s Volunteer Stars Awards State recognition ceremony will be held on February 9, 2020 in Franklin, TN.

Participating counties conduct a call for nominations and recognize one outstanding youth and one outstanding adult volunteer.

Volunteers are selected on the county level based on the following 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.

About Volunteer Tennessee

**Volunteer Tennessee** is a 25-member, bipartisan board that encourages volunteerism and community service. Annually, the agency oversees more than $5 million in grants and training services to support AmeriCorps, the Volunteer Generation Fund and service-learning throughout the state.

According to the latest available data, Tennessee has 1.6 million volunteers who average 83.3 hours of service each year. The economic impact to local communities totals $3.3 billion annually.

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DIRECTORY OF PARTICIPATING COUNTIES FOR THE 2019 GOVERNOR’S VOLUNTEER STARS AWARDS

Below is a list of all currently participating counties and the county contact info. County coordinators facilitate the local volunteer recognition process to select one outstanding adult and one youth volunteer from the county for statewide recognition. If you are interested in nominating a volunteer, please reach out to the county coordinator for details.

****Please note that submission processes and deadlines vary from county to county. All counties will finalize volunteer selections by November 26, 2019.****

Don’t see your county represented? Reach out to volunteer.tennessee@tn.gov to learn more about how your county can participate in this annual volunteer recognition event.

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