

Marion County Volunteer Awards

About Marion County's volunteer awards:

In honor of National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, 2021, county departments and individuals are encouraged to nominate a volunteer or volunteer group for their service in 2020. Anyone may nominate a county volunteer or group. This is an opportunity for a deserving volunteer to receive an award for his or her contribution and for volunteer groups to be recognized for their outstanding work.



A volunteer may be honored for ongoing or past service to a program, or for work on a one-time project. The commissioners will present the awards in July. Your volunteer or volunteer group will be considered by completing and **returning the attached nomination form to Sherry Lintner, Volunteer Services Coordinator, by Friday, April 23, 2021.** A selection committee will review the nominations and select recipients. Departments may choose to nominate more than one person or group; however, **only one volunteer or group from each department may be nominated in each category** (i.e. youth, group, adult, etc.).

Nominations will be accepted for the following categories:

1. Youth Volunteer

The Youth Volunteer Award was developed to recognize volunteer accomplishments of young people 24 years and under in county programs and departments. The award is intended to highlight the individual volunteer contributions of a young person. Youth who volunteer in leadership roles, on advisory boards, with special projects, and in programs for the county are eligible for this award. **One individual receives this award each year.**

2. Advisory Board Volunteer

Volunteers who serve on county advisory boards are eligible for the Advisory Board Volunteer award. Through this award an individual volunteer is recognized for service or leadership, for an ongoing commitment to an advisory board, or for work on a one-time special task force or ad hoc committee. **One individual receives this award each year.**

3. Division or Program Award

An award for those who display dedication and exemplary accomplishments within the division or program in which they volunteer. Volunteers in this category will be recognized for their contribution to the division or program, to the customers or clientele the program serves, and the betterment of the community in which the program or service is implemented. **One award will be given for each division or program with a nomination submitted.**

4. Commissioner Mary Pearmine Outstanding Volunteer Group Award

This award is for county affiliated groups with membership that consists of volunteers. Although the entire membership does not have to be volunteers, volunteers must be a component for a group to be eligible for the award. The group receiving the award is added to the perpetual plaque displayed at Courthouse Square. **One group receives this award each year.**

5. Judge Rex Hartley Volunteer of the Year Award

One volunteer will be selected for this premier award based on outstanding service to the county and the community. The individual receiving the award receives an engraved individual award, and his or her name is added to the perpetual plaque displayed at Courthouse Square. **One individual receives this award each year.**

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Nomination Form Directions

- 1. Fill out the contact information for the volunteer completely** since he or she will be invited to the award ceremony. Groups are notified through a central contact person or staff, so be sure that information is clear and sufficient to communicate with the group on the nomination.
- 2. Complete the nominator information** for the same reason.
- 3. Try to focus on the volunteer or volunteer group's contribution** to the county, benefit to the community, commitment to the project or the program, and any unique qualities of the volunteer work since these are the criterion that the selection committee is asked to score.
- 4. Use specific examples to describe the nominee's activities.** Stay away from vague references like, "he is so wonderful" or "we could not get along without her." It is important to inform the selection committee why he is so wonderful and why you cannot get along without her.
- 5. Again, use specific examples in the impact section,** which may include, where appropriate, the numbers served, a description of the services offered, or the project that was completed. In this section, describe any impact or changes to quality of life, availability of service, improved safety procedures, or community enhancement in which the volunteer or volunteer group was involved.
- 6. Lastly, summarize for the selection committee,** the qualities, skills, meritorious behavior, dedication and commitment that your volunteer or volunteer group demonstrated to deserve recognition.

The awards selection process and ceremony:



Once the selection committee has chosen the award recipients the nominees, nominators and family members of nominees will be invited to a special event with the Board of Commissioners. We are tentatively planning for a July event so that we have the best chance of hosting a face-to-face event.

Any questions can be directed to Volunteer Services Coordinator Sherry Lintner at (503) 588-7990 or by e-mail at slintner@co.marion.or.us.

Your department's participation is needed to make Marion County's volunteer recognition event a success. Nominate your volunteers TODAY! Nominations are due Friday, April 23, 2021

