

PREMIER'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS

Call for Nominations

The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in Manitoba!
The Premier of Manitoba invites you to nominate deserving **individuals, youth and community groups** for the 2022 Premier's Volunteer Service Awards.

The Award

The Premier's office, in cooperation with Volunteer Manitoba, established this award to:

- honour the efforts and dedication of outstanding volunteers in Manitoba; and
- recognize and encourage the valuable services performed by volunteers throughout the province.

Past recipients of the award have served their communities by:

- conscientiously performing one or more volunteer activities over a period of years; or
- taking unusual initiative to identify and solve a critical problem or meet a specific need; or
- organizing and directing an activity which has a great impact on the community; and
- inspiring the spirit of volunteerism in others.

Award Categories

There are three award categories:

Individual Volunteers

- This is presented to exceptional individual volunteers whose efforts have contributed significantly to the quality of life in their communities.

Youth

- The youth leadership category recognizes young Manitobans (under 25) who have made considerable contributions to their schools, organizations and communities through volunteer work. The young volunteers serve as role models, encouraging other young people to give of themselves for the betterment of the community.

Community Groups

- This award is presented to community groups that have improved the quality of life in our **province** through extraordinary collective volunteer efforts of the members.

Who Can Be Nominated?

Any living resident of Manitoba or organization that has been actively involved in volunteer service may be nominated.

Candidates must have performed such service on a wholly volunteer basis and not for pay.

The candidate's volunteer work must have occurred in Manitoba.

Individuals of any age are eligible.

Judging

An independent panel of judges reviews all nominations and selects the award recipients.

The Award Presentation

The award consists of a presentation gift.

It will be presented by Volunteer Manitoba prior to the annual Volunteer Awards event which will be held virtually in September 2022.

Deadline May 30, 2022

Submitting a nomination

General information

Nominators should be persons who have benefitted from or who are familiar with the volunteer activity of the candidate. Separate nominations may be submitted for as many individuals, youth or groups as desired. Municipal, provincial and federal politicians presently holding office **are not** eligible to nominate or be nominated. Members of the candidate's immediate family **are not** eligible to nominate or act as references.

Nominators or references may be contacted for additional information.

Nominations can be submitted through Volunteer Manitoba's website at www.volunteermanitoba.ca/awards

For more information, please contact Volunteer Manitoba at 1-888-922-4545 or 204-477-5180.

Instructions

1. Complete the online nomination form at www.volunteermanitoba.ca/awards on or before May 30, 2022.

- Ensure that the candidate's name is correctly spelled as it will be used on official materials.

2. Tell us about your nominee and what makes this person or community group exceptional.

- Your nomination should describe the nominee's volunteer work and how it has affected the organization or community. Provide details on the following topics, if applicable. Please be thorough as your description will be the only information available to the judges.

- 1. Activity:** Briefly describe the activity for which the candidate is being considered.
- 2. Need:** Describe the need filled by the nominee. Why was the need important to the community or recipient of service?
- 3. Method:** What did the nominee do to address the need?
- 4. Impact:** What was the outcome of the candidate's efforts? How many people benefitted? What was actually accomplished?
- 5. Leadership:** In what way did the candidate demonstrate leadership?
- 6. Perseverance:** What challenges were met or what obstacles were overcome?
- 7. Creativity:** What imagination was shown?
- 8. Other Volunteer Involvement:** In what other volunteer activities has the candidate participated?
- 9. Summary:** What is exceptional about the volunteer contribution? How is the nominee an inspiration to others? Why should the award be given to this person or organization?

- Include printed matter such as letters, news clippings, pamphlets and testimonials if directly related to the candidate's volunteer activities. Highlight specific section(s) for the judges' attention.

Photographs will be accepted, but please do not send video or audio cassettes, displays or films.

