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Nominate an outstanding volunteer for Governor's award

Deadline to nominate is Feb. 1

Richmond, Va. – Nominations are now being accepted for the 2010 Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Awards. The nomination period ends at 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1. Honors will be presented in several categories, including youth, senior, faith-based organization, non-profit organization, business, individual volunteer and national service.

The awards recognize the outstanding efforts of Virginia's volunteers. Nominations are open to businesses, groups, individuals and families who exemplify extraordinary volunteerism and community service.

"Each year, the Commonwealth recognizes those who have demonstrated a commitment to serving their communities. These individuals and organizations are among the 1.7 million Virginians who made a difference in the lives of others by volunteering last year," said Nikki Nicholau, director of the Virginia Department of Social Services' Office on Volunteerism and Community Service. Virginians average more than 233 million volunteer hours annually, equaling more than \$4 billion of service to the Commonwealth.

This year's winners will be honored during an April awards ceremony in Richmond. For more information or to nominate a person or group, visit www.vaservice.org, call (804) 726-7065, 1-800-638-3839 or e-mail info@vaservice.org. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 1.

Nomination forms can be submitted [online](#) or downloaded and mailed to the Virginia Department of Social Services, Office on Volunteerism and Community Service, 801 East Main St., Richmond, VA 23219.

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