VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
AWARDS

NYSHFA | NYSCAL values the many contributions from the community surrounding our Member facilities. As we navigate through the demands of daily life in our long-term care communities, it is important to pause and acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our volunteer; without their selfless service, many of our facilities would struggle to provide the exceptional level of care we aim to deliver.

YOUNG ADULT
AGES 13 - 29

If the nominee is a teenager, parental or guardianship information must be included on the nomination form

If a couple is nominated, both must be nominated in the same category and both must meet the nomination criteria for that category; the nominees will be recognized as a single entity

ADULT
AGES 30 - 64

If a couple is nominated, both must be nominated in the same category and both must meet the nomination criteria for that category; the nominees will be recognized as a single entity

SENIOR ADULT
AGES 65+

If a couple is nominated, both must be nominated in the same category and both must meet the nomination criteria for that category. The nominees will be recognized as a single entity

GROUP, CLUB OR ORGANIZATION

The group, club or organization should be providing not-for-profit services or activities for residents that involve direct involvement with the residents

The group should have acted as volunteers in contributing to the mental, social and emotional well-being of residents. *(However, the activity should not be primarily spiritual in nature. For this activity see the category of "Spiritual Guidance".)*

A group, club or organization should be involved in some form of activity that requires regular visits to the facility

A "family" group, couple or non-organized group cannot be nominated in this category

Though not limited to the following examples, typical groups that would qualify include: social and fraternal clubs, Boy and Girl Scout Troops, garden clubs, schools, or employee groups

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

While the same rules apply as stated in the "Nomination Criteria" section, a nominee in this category can be an individual or a group.

Activities (he / she / they perform must be devoted primarily, preferably exclusively, to the religious spiritual aspects of skilled nursing facility residents. This activity must represent willing spiritual comfort for the residents

The individuals or group need not be "ordained," though it would be preferable that the activities relate to a recognized religion and be under the direct or indirect supervision of an official of a recognized religion

Nominees must be at least 21 years of age

NOMINATION CRITERIA

- Facilities entering nominations must be members in good standing with NYSCAL
- Nominees must have volunteered at least one full year at the nominating facility
- Individuals or groups nominated in one category may not also be nominated in a separate category in the same year
- Each NYSCAL member facility may enter a nomination in one or more of the 5 categories listed, however, each facility may only enter one submission per category
- Winners in any category may not win in any two consecutive years



GET THE NOMINATION PROCESS STARTED!

WHAT IS REQUIRED

1

COMPLETE NOMINATION FORM »

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"I MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

- Please write a few paragraphs about your volunteer under the theme "I Make A Difference."
- Describe ways he/she/they help residents reach their own potential while being guided by the theme of "I Make A Difference". Include what makes this volunteer or group special and inspirational.

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THE DONT'S

- Do NOT identify your facility in the essay
- Do NOT use nursing facility stationery / letterhead
- Do NOT identify yourself or any facility personnel in the essay

**The Clinical and Quality Services Committee will select Volunteers of the Year in each category*

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COMPLETE NOMINATION FORMS ONLINE!

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

1. This is a Nomination for the Following Category:
   (Check ONLY one category per form)

- ☐ » **YOUNG ADULT (AGES 13 - 29)**
- ☐ » **ADULT (AGES 30 a- 64)**
- ☐ » **SENIOR ADULT (AGES 65+)**
- ☐ » **GROUP, CLUB, OR ORGANIZATION**
- ☐ » **SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE (AGES 21+)**

Facility Name: _____

Phone: _____ Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Nominee/Group: _____

Primary Contact for Group: _____

Phone: _____ Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

If Nominee is a Teenager, Please include the name(s) of the Parents or Guardian(s):

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship: _____

Nomination Submitted By:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Facility Administrator:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Please verify the EXACT name of nominee or group, as it will be used to make the awards)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE

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DO NOT REFER TO NAME, AGE, SEX, RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION, MARITAL STATUS OF VOLUNTEER, OR NAME OF FACILITY OR CITY IN WHICH S/HE LIVES OR WORKS

(OFFICE USE ONLY)
ALPHA/NUMERIC CODE

2. Fill in the Following Volunteer Service Information:

Length of Service of Volunteer(s): _____ *(years)*

How Frequently does the Volunteer(s) Visit the Facility? _____ *(days per week / month)*

How Many Hours has the Volunteer(s) Served in the Past 12 Months? _____

Has the Volunteer(s) Recruited Additional Volunteers for Your Facility? ☐ YES ☐ NO _____
(about how many)

3. Select the Volunteer(s) Five (5) Primary Tasks:
(There does NOT need to be Five Tasks, but there CANNOT be More than five.)

- ☐ Friendly Visitor (1 to 1)
- ☐ Leads Craft Sessions
- ☐ Leads Exercise Groups
- ☐ Provides/Serves Refreshments
- ☐ Leads Group Discussions
- ☐ Transports Residents
- ☐ Provides Personal Services i.e. shopping
- ☐ Arranges/Provides Spiritual Guidance or Religious Services
- ☐ Entertainer/Performs for Residents
- ☐ Makes or Repairs Items for Residents
- ☐ Serves as a Resource to the Activity Director
- ☐ Other (be specific)

4. Write 1-2 paragraphs under the theme, "I Make a Difference." *(See WHAT IS REQUIRED)* This text MUST accompany this nomination form and should explain why you believe this individual/group should be nominated.

PLEASE SEND ALL MATERIAL BY JANUARY 9, 2026

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