

2016 Sioux Empire Spirit of Volunteerism Awards



ALL adult and youth nominations MUST include a photo of the nominee (head shot is preferred). ALL corporate nominations MUST include a logo for the nominee. ALL group nominations MUST include either a photo of the nominees or a logo for the group nominated. Photos/logos should be emailed to vol@helplinecenter.org no later than March 30, 2016. Photos are NOT used in the judging process.

Category (circle one that best describes your nominee):

- 1) Adult (Age: ____ 18-39 ____ 40-60 ____ Over 60)
- 2) Youth (Birthdate : ____)
- 3) Group (# of volunteers ____)
- 4) Corporate Humanitarian Award (# of employees: Under 100 employees ____ Over 100 employees ____)

Nominee Name: _____ If group, Contact name: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Number of years nominee has volunteered: _____ Hours per month: _____

Employment status (circle one): Full-time Part-time Retired Student Other: _____

Name of Employer & Supervisor: _____

If student, High School and Principal: _____

Volunteer Organization: (Name of organization for which nominee volunteers)

Organization: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Street Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Agency Director: _____ 501 (c) (3) Organization: (circle one) Yes No

If volunteers at other organizations, please list: _____

Nominator

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Street Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Relationship to nominee: _____

Please answer the 5 essay questions on the subsequent pages. Each question has a 1,000 character limit.

***Nominations and attachments become property of the Helpline Center and will not be returned.*

Nominations must be received by 5pm on March 30, 2016. Luncheon on May 12, 2016.

Submit nominations: Mail to 1000 N. West Ave. Ste. 310, Sioux Falls, SD 57104; email them to vol@helplinecenter.org; fax them to 605-332-1333; or complete the nomination online at www.helplinecenter.org.



Award Categories

- **Corporate Humanitarian Awards.** Presented to a corporation or a business for its outstanding volunteer involvement and support. Two winners will be announced; one award for business with less than 100 employees and one award for business with 100+ employees.
- **Youth Award.** Nominees must be 18 or younger. A \$500.00 cash award will be presented to a non-profit organization serving the Sioux Empire in honor of the winner.
- **Adult Award.** Nominees may be nominated for a variety of volunteer services. Three awards will be given out in the following age categories: Up and Coming Volunteer Award (18 to 39), Shining Bright Adult Award (40 to 60), Lifetime Volunteer Award (over 60). A \$500.00 cash award will be presented to a non-profit organization serving the Sioux Empire in honor of each winner.
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- **Citi Youth Leadership Awards** will also be presented. Applications are not part of this nomination form.
- **MetaBank Volunteers of the Month** will also be recognized at the luncheon that were awarded from June 2015—May 2016.



Please answer the following questions. Each question has a 1,000 character limit.

Activity: Describe nominee's volunteer services(s).

Need: Describe need for nominee's service(s).



Impact: Describe impact or difference nominee's service has made to the community. Number of people affected?

Challenges: Did nominee overcome challenges (physical or mental disabilities, limited resources, public perception)? (This questions does not pertain to Corporate nominations)

Other: Why do you believe your nominee deserves the Spirit of Volunteerism Award? We are also encouraging all agencies to provide words of gratitude from the people most impacted by your nominee's service. This will be used by the judges and at the awards luncheon.

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Please Submit nominations and photos/logos
by Wednesday March 30th, 5:00 pm.

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Eligibility

- Volunteer services must be performed within a 30 mile radius of Sioux Falls.
- Nominee's volunteer organization must serve the community at large. Religious, fraternal or professional groups providing services to their members only are not eligible.
- Individuals are NOT eligible for the award contribution.
- Contribution check must be made payable to a qualifying non-profit organization serving the Sioux Empire with a 501©(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service. If the organization for which the nominee was providing services is not eligible for contribution, another qualifying agency may be designated.
- Volunteer service(s) may be performed on work-related time, or for student course credit.
- Youth Award- Individual, 18 years or younger at the time of nomination.
- Nominees are eligible in ONE category only.
- Groups Award- 2 or more individuals.
- Winners in every category cannot be nominated again for three consecutive years after they have been selected to win the award.
- Decisions of the judges are final.
- Winners will be announced at the event and not before.
- Helpline Center staff, volunteers, and SVA judges are not eligible. Sponsors are not eligible in the categories they sponsor.

Tips for Completing An Outstanding Nomination

- Type or print (nomination form may be retyped on computer, if format remains the same).
- Be specific and concise, Essay should be no longer than 100 words for each questions.
- Provide ALL information requested. Do not leave questions blank.
- DO NOT send videos, scrapbooks, or binders.
- Focus on the program or activity that best describes nominee's service.
- Assume judges know nothing about the nominees, organization or community.
- Your nominee will be judged based on your essay and the criteria cited on the other side of this form.
- Well-written nominations score higher. If necessary, ask for help from someone who has excellent writing skills.
- Proof-read completed nomination form for errors/omissions.
- Agencies, individual nominations and organizations are required to notify nominee of their nomination.

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