



THE MASSACHUSETTS SERVICE ALLIANCE IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2006 GOVERNOR'S POINTS OF LIGHT AWARD

The Governor's Points of Light Award is the highest honor bestowed on a volunteer in Massachusetts, recognizing individuals and organizations that have made an exemplary contribution to their communities through volunteer service. The award is administered on behalf of the Massachusetts Governor's Office by the Massachusetts Service Alliance as the state commission on community service.

THE 2006 GOVERNOR'S POINTS OF LIGHT AWARD WILL BE GIVEN IN EIGHT CATEGORIES:

Youth and Young Adult: An individual up to age 22 who has made a significant contribution to her/his community through volunteer time and who inspires and leads her/his peers to serve.

Adult: An individual age 23-59 who has made a significant contribution to her/his community through volunteer time and who inspires and leads her/his peers to serve.

Older Adult: An individual age 60+ who has made a significant contribution to her/his community through volunteer time and who inspires and leads her/his peers to serve.

Lifetime Achievement: An individual who has made a significant contribution to Massachusetts through volunteer service over the course of a lifetime.

Small Business or Corporation: A for-profit organization with 1-199 employees that has supported and/or participated in meaningful and impactful service projects through its policies and practices.

Large Business or Corporation: A for-profit organization with 200+ employees that has supported and/or participated in meaningful and impactful service projects through its policies and practices.

Community-based Organization: A group of volunteers from a community-based organization such as a nonprofit; civic or faith-based organization; club; or school that has made a significant contribution to its community through group service.

Nancy Korman Innovation in Service Award: An individual or group of volunteers from a business; corporation; community-based organization; nonprofit; civic or faith-based organization; club; or school that has performed or utilized volunteer service in an innovative way.



AWARD RECIPIENTS WILL BE SELECTED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES:

- Need:** Volunteer service addresses a specific community need.
Innovation: Creative methods were used to solve community problems.
Impact: The activity or service produced positive changes and provided an example to others.
Commitment: The nominee demonstrated a commitment addressing the community need.

ELIGIBILITY

Any individual, business, corporation, community-based organization, nonprofit, civic or faith-based organization, club, or school engaged in voluntary community service is eligible for the award. Individuals, groups or organizations may nominate themselves.

Apart from the Lifetime Achievement nominations, nominee service activities should take place between August 1, 2005 and July 31, 2006.

Nominees may not receive compensation or wages for service time.

Volunteer service must be performed in Massachusetts and may not include hours served as part of "court mandated community service."

Nominees will be considered for only one category. The Massachusetts Service Alliance and the Governor's Points of Light Committee reserve the right to reassign a nomination if a different category is deemed more appropriate.

Winners of the monthly Governor's Points of Light Award (2001-2005) are ineligible for the annual award for a period of one year.

Award recipients must attend the Governor's Points of Light Awards Gala at the Massachusetts State House on November 14, 2006.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Names of award recipients will be posted on the Massachusetts Service Alliance website (www.mass-service.org) on October 17, 2006. Governor Mitt Romney and Mrs. Ann Romney will present an award to each winner at the Governor's Points of Light Awards Gala on November 14, 2006. Award recipients in categories for individuals will receive two complimentary tickets to the Gala. Award recipients in the group categories will receive one ticket for each group member. Additional tickets may be made available upon request, pending availability.

SELECTION OF AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Massachusetts Service Alliance recruits a panel of judges annually. The panel of judges includes at least one member of the Governor's staff, MSA Board of Directors, and MSA Staff as well as one or more representative(s) from each of the following sectors: business, nonprofit, and education. Members of the panel of judges and their immediate family are not eligible to receive an award. All decisions made by the panel of judges are final.

TIMELINE

August 4, 2006	Call for nominations released
September 8, 2006	Nomination deadline
October 17, 2006	Winners announced on MSA website (www.mass-service.org)
November 14, 2006	Governor's Points of Light Awards Gala

HOW TO NOMINATE A VOLUNTEER:

Complete the attached nomination form.

Write a 500-word narrative statement that describes the nominee's community service activities and demonstrates a link between service activities and the priorities outlined above.

Submit the name and phone number of three references to be contacted by the Governor's Points of Light Committee.

Up to 5 pages of supplementary materials including letters, testimonials, photos, news clippings, etc. will be accepted. Audio and video materials will not be considered.

Please do not bind the materials. All submitted materials will become the property of the Massachusetts Service Alliance and may be used in promotional materials for the Governor's Points of Light Awards and for the Massachusetts Service Alliance.

Nominations may be mailed, hand-delivered, or faxed to:

Massachusetts Service Alliance
Attn: Governor's Points of Light Committee
100 North Washington Street, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02114
Fax: 617-542-0240

Nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 8, 2006.

NOMINATION CHECKLIST:

Completed Nomination Form

500-word narrative statement

Supplemental materials

ABOUT THE MASSACHUSETTS SERVICE ALLIANCE



The Massachusetts Service Alliance, established in 1991, is a private, nonprofit organization that serves as the state commission on community service. Our mission is to generate an ethic of service throughout the Commonwealth by creating and supporting diverse, high quality service and volunteer opportunities for all age groups, resulting in stronger communities and more active citizens.

For more information, please contact Pauline Jeong, Director of Marketing and Community Relations, at (617) 542-2544 x227 or pjeong@mass-service.org.

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2006 GOVERNOR'S POINTS OF LIGHT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

AWARD CATEGORY (please circle one)

Youth and Young Adult / Adult / Older Adult / Lifetime Achievement / Small Business

Large Business / Community-based Organization / Nancy Korman Innovation in Service Award

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominee(s) Name: _____

Date of Birth (for individual nominations only): ____/____/____

Organization: _____

Address: _____ City: _____, MA Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

ORGANIZATION WHERE SERVICE IS PERFORMED (if service is performed at a specific site)

Organization: _____

Address: _____ City: _____, MA Zip: _____

Organization Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

NOMINEE REFERENCES

(References must be familiar with nominee's service and cannot be members of immediate family - spouse, mother, father, sister, brother, or child. References for group nominations should be familiar with the work of the entire group.)

Reference Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

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NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominator Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____ City: _____, MA Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Nominator's Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____