



Monday, June 12, 2017 | Sheraton Framingham Hotel

2017 Massachusetts Service and Volunteerism Awards “Energy to Impact”



Call for Nominations

Submission Deadline: Friday, March 31, 2017 by 5:00pm

The Massachusetts Service Alliance (MSA) is pleased to announce the 2017 Massachusetts Service and Volunteerism Awards. This June, MSA will pay tribute to civic-minded leaders in Massachusetts who use service and volunteerism to address community needs in creative, innovative and collaborative ways.

We invite you to nominate an outstanding service and volunteerism leader today! The awards will be presented during a special Awards Luncheon Ceremony at the **2017 Massachusetts Conference on Service and Volunteering** on Monday, June 12, 2017 at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel.

Nominations must be submitted by 5:00pm on Friday, March 31, 2017. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered for the award. **See submissions instructions on page 3.**

You may nominate more than one person or organization but you must fill out a separate nomination form for each.

Thank you for your interest and participation!

Awards Categories

Category #1:

Getting Things Done Award

This award recognizes the exemplary achievement of an individual in one of two subcategories:

- Category #1A: A **current** AmeriCorps*, Commonwealth Corps, or Senior Corps** member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and service over and above the requirements of their routine service assignments, or
- Category #1B: An AmeriCorps*, Commonwealth Corps or Senior Corps** **alumnus/alumna** who served in Massachusetts and whose commitment to embody service beyond their term of service continues to bring about positive community change.

**AmeriCorps includes: AmeriCorps VISTA, AmeriCorps State/National, AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)*

***Senior Corps includes: Foster Grandparent, RSVP, Senior Companion volunteers*

Category #2:

Working Together Award: An Outstanding Collaboration in Service & Volunteerism

This award recognizes an exceptional collaboration between two or more nonprofits (501c3), private or public entity, or education institution (K-12 or Higher Ed) in Massachusetts. Nominees must demonstrate why their collaboration was significant in addressing a specific need.

Category #3:

Making A Difference Award: An Outstanding Impact in Service & Volunteerism

This award recognizes a demonstrated and significant impact within a pressing community need through the mobilization of Corps members or volunteers by a nonprofit (501c3), private or public entity, or education institution (K-12 or Higher Ed).

Nomination Process

Eligibility, Judging and Submission

Eligibility

- Individuals, agencies, nonprofits and companies/businesses may be nominated in only one category.
- Self-nominations are accepted.
- Massachusetts Service Alliance Board members and staff, its awards committee and judges are not eligible to nominate or be nominated.
- Service and/or volunteerism **must** have been performed in Massachusetts.

- Information from nominations may be released to the media and elected officials.

Judging

The Massachusetts Service Alliance will convene a selection committee composed of stakeholders in the service, volunteerism and non-profit sector to carefully review all complete nominations. Based on the set criteria, all nominees are given a score. Those with the highest scores will be selected. Consideration will be given to geographic diversity.

Submission Instructions & Notification

- You may nominate more than one person or organization but you must fill out a separate nomination form for each.
- To submit a nomination, complete the fillable PDF nomination form. Email completed nomination form and any attachments to Colin McLaughlin at cmclaughlin@mass-service.org.
- While email submissions are highly encouraged, completed forms can also be mailed to: Massachusetts Service Alliance, Attn: Awards, 100 North Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02114
- Completed nomination forms must be received by 5:00pm on Friday, March 31, 2017.
- Awardees will be notified in April 2017 and provided details to attend the ceremony on June 12, 2017.
- Questions should be directed to Colin McLaughlin, Administrative Coordinator, Massachusetts Service Alliance at 617.542.2544, x221 or cmclaughlin@mass-service.org.

About the Massachusetts Service Alliance

The Massachusetts Service Alliance (MSA), established in 1991, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that serves as the state commission on community service and volunteerism. Over the past 25 years, MSA has become a recognized leader in the advancement of service and volunteerism throughout the Commonwealth. We engage thousands of volunteers and serve more than a half million people in need every year through a network of community-based non-profits in support of education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, youth development, and economic opportunity for low-income families across the Commonwealth. Learn more about MSA's work across the state at: www.mass-service.org