



Given in recognition of an exemplary unpaid volunteer who has done exceptional work with volunteer engagement. A committee will review all nomination forms in making the selection. The chosen award recipient will be presented the “Everyday Hero Award” along with a \$500 grant to the charity of their choice at the annual Lincoln/Reagan Dinner to be held at the Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington. The award will be presented by Congressman Darin LaHood and Congressman Rodney Davis.

**Deadline for submission is 5:00pm, Monday, March 21, 2022.**

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Nominees must have been engaged in volunteer activities for a minimum of **five years** and benefited a community or communities in a substantial, important or unique way.
2. Nominees must exceed the expectations of volunteer work for the organization. The nominee must excel in servant leadership in the community while demonstrating genuine passion for the needs and goals of the organization.
3. Self-nominations are **not** allowed.
4. Family members may **not** nominate another family member for an award.
5. Group/team and corporate volunteerism nominations can be made by those **external** to the group/team or corporation/business.

#### **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS (All requirements listed below must be met.)**

1. All nominations must be submitted on the nomination form.
2. While we regret any inconvenience it may cause, **all nominations must be typed. Handwritten forms will not be accepted.** Adobe Acrobat, for free, offers typing onto this form.
3. Two reference letters typed and signed are **required** for each nomination. These can be submitted via email. The nominator may **not** serve as one of the references.
4. The nomination **must be signed and dated** by the nominator. Forms without these required, dated signatures will be considered as incomplete and not considered for the award. Verified digital signatures with dates are acceptable.
5. Nominations must be received either by email or mail on or before 5:00pm Monday, March 22

#### **CRITERIA FOR AWARD**

Nominee has voluntarily contributed to any nonprofit organization or institution for a minimum of five years and succeeds in the following ways:

- Leadership in the community
- Visionary Thinking
- Servant leadership
- Ethics in thoughts, words and actions
- Genuine passion for the needs and goals of the organization

#### **TIMELINE:**

**Submission Deadline- Monday, March 21, 2022;**

**Awardee contacted- Monday, April 4, 2022;**

**Award presented the Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner April 29, 2022.**

**All nominations are to be submitted by mail to:**

Connie Beard, Chairman, McLean County Republicans, P.O. Box 25, Bloomington, IL 61701

**OR**

**by email to [EverydayHeroAward@McLeanCountyRepublicans.org](mailto:EverydayHeroAward@McLeanCountyRepublicans.org)**

## NOMINATION FORM

### **SECTION 1- NOMINATION**

#### **NOMINATOR (Complete information of person making the nomination.)**

Name of person making nomination:

Relationship to Nominee (i.e. volunteer supervisor):

Address: City: State: Zip:

Phone: Email Address:

Signature: Date:

### **SECTION 2-NOMINEE INFORMATION**

#### **NOMINEE (Complete following about person being nominating for this award.)**

Title: (Ms., Mrs., Mr., Dr., Other) Suffix: (Jr., Sr., III, Other)

Nominee's First Name: Middle: Last:

Home Address: City: State: Zip:

Phone: Email Address:

If additional family members are to be included, please list below under **SECTION 5-ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **SECTION 3- ORGANIZATION SERVED BY NOMINEE AND SUMMARY OF SERVICE**

#### **NOMINEE'S ORGANIZATION:**

Summary of Organization Mission:

Organization Address:

Organization Phone Number:

Organization Web Site:

Organization Email Address:

Volunteer Job Title(s):

Start Date of Service:

Total length of time nominee has served this organization:

Nominee's typical frequency of service (example – 5 hours per day for 3 days per week):

Nominee's primary volunteer duties:

If Nominee serves additional organizations, please list under **SECTION 5 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **VOLUNTEER SERVICE CATEGORIES (Nominee may fit multiple categories. Check all that apply.)**

**Individual:** an individual who volunteers.

**Family:** A family that volunteers together on the same project(s)

**Group/Team:** A group or team of two or more people that volunteer together on the same project(s) under a group or team name.

**Mentor:** An individual volunteer who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to working with youth (ages 17 and younger) in a mentoring capacity.

**Faith-Based:** an individual, family, group/team, youth or senior that volunteers through a faith-based community organization.

**Disaster:** An individual, family, group/team, youth or senior who volunteers (does not include paid first responders or military) in disaster preparedness, response, recovery or mitigation activities.

**Corporate/Business:** A corporation or business that has made a substantial impact in the community by promoting service by their employees through engaging in volunteer activities and/or by providing paid time for employees to volunteer for and/or agencies.

**Perseverance in Voluntarism:** An individual volunteer who has overcome significant personal obstacles (mental and/or physical) in order to engage in service to others.

#### SECTION 4- REFERENCES

**REFERENCES** **Two references letters** are to be submitted from persons familiar with nominee's volunteer service. The references letters must be signed and dated by the individual giving reference. Unsigned or undated letters will not be accepted.

**The nominator may not also serve as a reference.** Letters are to be attached to this nomination form or can be emailed separately to [EverydayHeroAward@McLeanCountyRepublicans.org](mailto:EverydayHeroAward@McLeanCountyRepublicans.org)

List the individuals who will be sending reference letters below. Verified digital signatures are acceptable with the letters.

**Reference No. 1**

Name:

Relationship to Nominee:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reference No. 2

Name:

Relationship to Nominee:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Email Address:

## SECTION 5-ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**SUPPLEMENTAL FAMILY VOLUNTEERS PAGE** -- Complete only for Nominees for a Family Volunteering

### Family Member #2

Nominee's Name: Relationship to primary nominee:

### Family Member #3

Nominee's Name: Relationship to primary nominee:

### Family Member #4

Nominee's Name: Relationship to primary nominee:

**ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SERVED BY NOMINEE (if known)**

ORGANIZATION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **SECTION 6- NOMINATION STATEMENT**

**Provide a narrative below of this nominee's exemplary service describing what distinguishes this nominee's leadership and achievements from those of other volunteers. Describe the nominee's outstanding commitment to volunteerism and to the agency or organization he/she served. Describe nominee's outstanding accomplishments including any special skills, qualities and leadership qualities impacting his/her service meeting critical needs in the community. Describe how this nominee exceeds the requirements of the organization? Provide a specific example of when the nominee made an exceptional difference to the organization's mission. Please keep length to space provided.**

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