



35th annual Volunteers of the Year Awards

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This page will serve as your cover page. Please use a separate cover sheet for each honoree. If mailing in hard copies, please do not staple honoree applications, as copies have to be made for the judges. Paper clips, please. Please submit all honoree applications together.

Please Select One Honoree Category

_____ Anne Grubbs Spirit of Service Award _____ Team Spirit Award
_____ Rising Star Award _____ Young Leader Award

Name of person or group to be honored _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number *Daytime* _____ *Evening* _____

Email _____

Submitted by _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Instructions and Guidelines for Application

Each application should be no more than two pages, no smaller than 12-point font, and (please!) 1.5 or double-spaced for the convenience of the judges when reading. One page of supplementary material and up to two letters of support may be attached.

Remember: Your words are the selection committee's basis for judging the honoree.

Describe the honoree's volunteer services. Please consider these questions when writing your application.

How has the honoree contributed to the community? What is the impact on the community, the individuals, or the organization served by this honoree? What need was met by the honoree's efforts? Over what period was the activity accomplished? Who and/or what benefited from the honoree's efforts? Were there difficulties or problems that the honoree had to overcome?

All entries and supporting material become the property of Volunteers in Action and will not be returned.

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RULES FOR NOMINATION:

- 1) Applications may be submitted by organizations, businesses, or individuals in the 10-county BRADD region.
- 2) Groups and individuals may honor volunteers in any or all categories. Their honorees can be in the same or different categories.
- 3) We are not requiring a fee because we do not want the fee to discourage organizations from honoring their volunteers. If your organization is able, a \$25 donation for up to THREE honorees would help defray the costs of the event and recognize the volunteers that will appear in various formats following the reception.
- 4) Follow the instructions on the application form carefully. Judges will take this into consideration.

NOMINEES WILL BE JUDGED ON:

- 1) History of community activity
- 2) Demonstration of cooperative attitude, and when applicable, collaboration
- 3) The impact that the volunteer's efforts had on the organization, its clients, and the community

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS:

All applications must be submitted on or before **FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026**, to:

Volunteers in Action
1227 Westen Street, Bowling Green, KY 42104
Phone: 270-842-4281 | Email: jsmith@commed.us

RECOGNITION CEREMONY:

All honorees will be recognized as winners from their organizations for their contributions with a memento and certificate. Official award recipients will receive plaques.

The ceremony will take place on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 2 p.m.

WCPL – Bob Kirby branch (175 Iron Skillet Ct.)

Honoree Categories

ANNE GRUBBS SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD

This award shall go to the person excelling in quality, length, and spirit of service to others.

TEAM SPIRIT AWARD

This award will recognize those groups who work together to provide volunteer service in the community.

RISING STAR AWARD

This award will recognize an individual or team who is new to volunteering and gaining momentum with your organization.

YOUNG LEADER AWARD

This award will recognize an individual or team who is 18 years old or younger providing volunteer service in the community.