



Volunteer Louisiana is accepting nominations for the **2019 Champions of Service Awards**. Volunteer Louisiana, in its 26th year as the State Service Commission, manages AmeriCorps State programs, promotes volunteerism, and coordinates spontaneous, unaffiliated volunteers in times of disaster. Volunteer Louisiana, the Volunteer Louisiana Foundation, and Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser will host the Champions of Service Awards Gala in the spring of 2019 to recognize the award winners.

What is a Champion of Service?

A Champion of Service is someone who has demonstrated compassion and dedication, leadership and initiative, or innovation and creativity in addressing community challenges and serving others.

Who is eligible to be a Champion of Service?

A Champion can be any person, group, or business that has made an outstanding contribution to their community. We will recognize one Champion of Service from each of six geographic regions throughout the state. We will also recognize an AmeriCorps champion, Senior Corps champion, and corporate volunteer champion working to improve the lives of Louisiana citizens.

What are the Nomination Guidelines?

- All nominations must be submitted online, emailed, or mailed and received by 11:59pm on December 15, 2018.
- Regional nominees must be residents of Louisiana and live or serve in the region of their nomination. AmeriCorps and Senior Corp nominees must be serving in Louisiana.
- Nominations submitted by a third party are preferred; self-nominations must include references.
- Nominees will be reviewed by a panel of Volunteer Louisiana Commissioners and staff, Volunteer Louisiana Foundation members, and external volunteers. Awards will be announced no later than February 15, 2019.
- Award winners will be invited to attend the Champions of Service Gala in the Spring of 2019 in Baton Rouge, LA. Travel and hotel accommodations will be provided for award winners.

Nominate a Champion of Service today! **Nomination deadline is December 15, 2018.**