

# UNITED WAY OF DANE COUNTY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARDS YOUTH NOMINATION FORM

Youth volunteers are advancing our community's goals through their time and talent to change the lives of others! Their dedication and passion for making a difference in our community establishes a foundation for them to volunteer as adults. Youth volunteer in numerous areas and many are leading the way to create lasting change.

United Way's Community Volunteer Awards give you a chance to recognize youth who strengthen our community through volunteering! **Youth volunteers at any Dane County nonprofit agency or school are eligible to be nominated.**

All nominees will be recognized and award recipients will be announced at the Community Volunteer Awards luncheon on **Tuesday, April 30, 2019 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at The Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club.**

## Youth Awards

**Goodman Gemstone Youth Award:** This award is presented to one youth who has shown outstanding volunteer leadership and hands-on work in our community. One youth (grades K-12) will receive \$1,000 for the organization with which they volunteer and \$1,000 for their own education. **This award is sponsored by the Goodman fund in the United Way of Dane County Foundation.**

**Kathy Martinson Youth Award:** One outstanding youth (grades K-12) will receive \$500 for the organization with which they volunteer and \$500 for their own education. This award is named in honor of Kathy Martinson who brought the Community Volunteer Awards to Dane County in 1990 and her 35 years of dedicated service to community volunteerism.

## Eligibility

- Complete the nomination form and answer the questions in this packet to tell the story and impact of your nominee's volunteer work.
- Nominee must be a youth in grades K – 12.
- Nominee volunteer activities may take place at any nonprofit organization or school in Dane County that serves the community at large. Nominations for volunteers at faith-based organizations and service clubs must be for service(s) provided to the community at large (not just for their congregation or members).
- Volunteer service must be unpaid but may be performed as part of work-release time or for student course credit. Reimbursements for out-of-pocket expenses, like travel, are acceptable.
- Recipient of a 2018 award or a recipient of the Mike McKinney Award in any year may not be nominated in 2019.
- Employees of United Way of Dane County and their families may not participate as a nominator or nominee. Judges and their families may not participate as a nominator.
- Eligibility and the selection of award recipients are at the discretion of the judges and judges' decisions are final.

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **Q: Who chooses the award recipients?** A: Recipients are selected by a group of volunteer community leaders.
- **Q: Should I tell the volunteers they've been nominated?** A: Yes! It is a great honor to be nominated for a United Way Community Volunteer Award.
- **Q: What happens after a volunteer is nominated?** A: After the nomination form is received at United Way, a congratulatory letter will be sent to the nominee. Later, the nominee will receive an invitation to the awards luncheon.
- **Q: Can I submit more than one nomination?** A: Submit only one nomination per company and include all volunteer activities you want to be considered.
- **Q: Are only volunteers at United Way partner agencies eligible?** A: Volunteers at ANY nonprofit organization or school in Dane County can be nominated as long as they meet eligibility requirements.
- **Q: Need help filling out the nomination form?** A: Contact us at [CommunityEngagement@uwdc.org](mailto:CommunityEngagement@uwdc.org)

**Award Sponsors:** Business Volunteer Network, Dane County Administrators of Volunteer Services and the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Fund in the United Way Foundation **Media Sponsor:** WORT 89.9 FM Community Radio and WKOW TV

**Nominations must be submitted, delivered, or postmarked  
by February 22, 2019.**



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## 1. Nomination Category

Mark with an "x" the community issue that fits the nominee's volunteer activity.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Improving academic achievement  | <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthening nonprofit leadership/capacity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting early childhood development                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for animals                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improving public health   | <input type="checkbox"/> Protecting the environment                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decreasing homelessness   | <input type="checkbox"/> Innovating agriculture practices            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting seniors, persons with disabilities and/or their caregivers | <input type="checkbox"/> Preserving arts/culture                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping people on pathways out of poverty                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other_____                                  |

## 2. Nominator Information

Organization/Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Youth Nominee Information

Has the nominee been nominated before?  Yes  No  Unsure

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phonetic Spelling: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Volunteer Service & Agency Information

Name of Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Agency Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years Individual has Served: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours Donated by Individual per Month: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and phone number of someone at the Agency who can serve as a reference:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Instructions

- Answer each of the questions below limiting each answer to a maximum of 500 words (if printed).
- Typed responses are preferred, but handwritten responses are acceptable (if printed).
- When answering the questions, focus on how **the nominee's volunteer activities help build the nonprofit agency's capacity** (i.e. leadership, direct service, skill based, etc.) as well as other strategies that best support the nominee's commitment to volunteerism.
- Since judges will not know your nominee, **be thorough**.
- Include details of the community needs that the volunteer and the agency are addressing.

## Nomination Questions

1. Please provide a brief description of the agency at which the nominee volunteers.
2. Please describe the volunteer activities your nominee performs. What role do they fill at the agency (example: provide services to those in need, serves on the board, leads a committee, influences public sentiment/policy, etc.)?
3. How does the nominee's work improve or change our community? What sets them apart from other volunteers?
4. Please share a story of how this volunteer has affected the life of another person in the community or how this volunteer has added to the organization's success.
5. Please briefly describe any additional volunteer work performed by the nominee at other agencies.

## Submit your nomination by February 22, 2019

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### Mail to:

United Way of Dane County  
PO Box 7548, Madison, WI 53707-7548

### Drop off at:

Anderson United Way Center  
2059 Atwood Avenue, Madison, WI

### Online at:

[unitedwaydanecounty.org/cvaform](http://unitedwaydanecounty.org/cvaform)

