

## AWARD DESCRIPTION:

The "First Lady's Outstanding Community Service Awards" are presented *annually* and recognize distinguished volunteer service across the state. The awards will be presented at a special spring luncheon, April 18, 2012 in North Platte.

## SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Contact Kimberle Hall at 402-471-6228 with any questions you may have about the awards process.

**Nomination forms may be submitted via email, fax or sent by mail to:**

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## NOMINATION CATEGORIES: Check One of the Boxes Below

### Lifetime Achievement in Volunteerism

- Lifetime Achievement in Volunteer Service:** Recognizes an individual who, over the course of his or her lifetime, has made significant contributions to the State of Nebraska through volunteer efforts either as a volunteer, a manager of volunteers, or both.

### Outstanding Volunteers & Group of the Year

- Outstanding Volunteer of the Year:** Every day citizens can go the extra mile for their community, making their Nebraska community a better place. This award is reserved for an individual who improves the lives of neighbors, friends, community, or a faith group.
- Outstanding Volunteer Group of the Year:** Extraordinary work that volunteers accomplish in communities is often driven by an organization or club. This award acknowledges the importance this support can make in community life. The nominees in this category strive to make communities better places to live through a variety of activities or by focusing on one issue of primary importance in their community.

### Service Learning

- Outstanding Service-Learning Program:** Recognizes Kindergarten through 12th grade and/or college level service-learning programs and projects that demonstrate outstanding effort to develop youth leadership.

### Volunteering in Schools

- Outstanding Community Partnership in Education (Group Award):** Recognizes partnership among community organizations, schools, government agencies, or others – potentially including national service – that demonstrate how cooperation and combining resources bring significant advantages to education.
- Outstanding Business Support for Education:** Recognizes a business that demonstrates community involvement by encouraging employee volunteerism and active participation in a school or district.
- Outstanding School Volunteer Program:** Recognizes a school or district that demonstrates community involvement by encouraging and supporting student volunteerism through service clubs, service-learning, civic engagement initiatives and other activities.

### Youth Volunteer Leadership

- Outstanding Student Leader:** Recognizes a student volunteer who holds leadership roles in a student organizations, student councils or student service clubs that has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills.

### Encouraging Youth Volunteerism

- Outstanding Community Service Project:** Recognizes a community organization that has sponsored a community project with impact and long lasting value that builds youth commitment to volunteering.

### National Service

- National Service Award:** Honoring an individual or group currently in service or a National Service program in Nebraska. This award recognizes outstanding effort to increase the quality of life in one or more communities in our state. Nominees may be serving through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, VISTA or Learn & Serve.

### Professional Commitment to Service

- Debra Hartman Award:** This award is presented in memory of Debra Hartmann; the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission Executive Director from 2000 until her untimely death in April 2006. The award honors an individual whose efforts, through a paid professional position in the areas of community service, has significantly improved the quality of life of their fellow Nebraskans or Nebraska communities.



**NOMINEE INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hometown Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATOR INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATION REFERENCES:**

	NAME	RELATIONSHIP	EMAIL ADDRESS	DAY PHONE #
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**NOMINATION NARRATIVE:**

Please complete in the space below a statement no longer than 300 words highlighting the following:

1. Describe the community or volunteer service the nominee provided that made a positive impact on individuals, program or the community as a whole. Include the community need or concern that was met by this service.
2. Give examples of nominee's dependability, adaptability, commitment and dedication to those impacted by the community/volunteer service provided.
3. Describe the uniqueness of the service provided by the nominee and/or what unusual difficulties/obstacles were encountered and overcome.
4. Include the length of service provided, e.g. number of service hours, ongoing project, etc.