

7.9 - VIRGINIA PTA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

When parents are involved, children succeed in school.

Virginia PTA's Volunteer Award Program recognizes and honors outstanding volunteers who have given selflessly to make their school community a better place for students and staff to achieve their goals.

This special person does not need to be the person who logs the most volunteer hours or is a PTA executive board member. Nominees should be someone who has made a positive impact on the school and its children.

All local units are encouraged to participate in this worthy recognition of volunteers.

- Local unit nominations may come from PTA presidents, boards, the membership or school principals.
- The nominee **MUST** be submitted to district directors for district judging.
- Each district has the opportunity to nominate the person that they have chosen as their district's Volunteer of the Year.
- Local Units should contact their District Director for their deadline.
- Directors must submit nominations to state office by June 1.
- Virginia PTA's Volunteers of the Year are selected by the Virginia PTA Volunteers Committee, which reviews all nominations.
- One PTA member from the elementary level (*Pre-K – 5th*) and one PTA member from the middle/high school level (*6-12th*) will be chosen for this award.
- All nominees, nominators and other PTA members from the nominees' local unit and district are encouraged to attend Virginia PTA's annual Convention to join in recognizing these distinguished volunteers.

Selection Criteria:

The following criteria **MUST** be addressed on the Volunteer of the Year Form which will be used to evaluate nominations for Virginia PTA's Volunteer of the Year Award:

- **ACHIEVEMENT** - What the nominee accomplished through volunteer service
- **INNOVATION** - Nominee used an innovative or exemplary approach in performing volunteer service.
- **MOBILIZATION** - Nominee mobilized other volunteers or generated increased resources
- **ONGOING INVOLVEMENT** - Nominee's commitment was hands-on and sustained, rather than a one-time activity

Required Materials:

- Completed nomination form
- Include one or two letters of recommendations

The Volunteer of the Year Nomination form can be found in Section 9 - FORMS.