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January 6, 2025

Ashe County Board of Commissioners,

I respectfully request permission to hold the 40th Annual Ashe County Volunteer Awards Ceremony. Due to Hurricane Helene and the number of volunteers who may be nominated the date, time, and location will need to be determined, along with a possible budget increase. I am including an Award Ceremony Request Letter, a contingent Awards Time Line, the Awards Nomination Form, and a sample of the Invitation letter to be approved. Also, Governor Roy Cooper has requested nominations for the 2025 Governor's Volunteer Service Awards from Ashe County. Those are due to be submitted by Friday, February 28, 2025. With your approval, I will continue to plan for the Governor Awards Breakfast/Luncheon celebration to be held in early June as well.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

Ashe County Volunteer Awards Ceremony Time Line 2025

- January 8, 2025** The 2025 Volunteer Awards Program Nomination Forms will be mailed out to Agencies and Organizations.
- February 26, 2025** The 2025 Volunteer Awards Program Nomination Forms will be due back by 5:00 p.m.
- March 11, 2025** Invitation letters will be sent out to the individuals who have been nominated for a Volunteer Award and will request them to R.S.V. P.
- April 1, 2025** Nominee's will need to R.S.V.P by this date.
- May 1,2, or 3, 2025** The 2025 Ashe County Awards Ceremony to be held at ????????????

January 8, 2025

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Ashe County Board of Commissioners will present the 40th Annual Volunteer Awards Program to honor outstanding volunteers and organizations in the county. The award ceremony is scheduled for **(Date, Time & Location to be determined)**.

The success of the awards program depends on your willingness to nominate deserving individuals and organizations. **The winners of the Volunteer of the Year Awards are determined by the written essay describing the volunteer services performed.** Please attach no more than a one page typed or legibly written essay. Please be as thorough as possible as this information is used to determine the volunteers of the year in the Individual, Family, Group/Team, Youth, Senior, Faith-Based Entity, Corporation/Business, National Service, and Director of Volunteers categories.

Nomination forms can be found online at www.asheaging.com or email jenniferrichardson@ashecountygov.com. Nomination forms must be returned to Jennifer Richardson at Generations Ashe no later than **5:00 pm, Friday, February 26, 2025** or they may be emailed to jenniferrichardson@ashecountygov.com. Nominations will **not** be accepted after this date.

Ashe County owes a great deal of gratitude to the hundreds of individuals who volunteer their time in so many ways to make our county a better place to live and work. We welcome this opportunity to honor these volunteers and show our appreciation for the services they provide.

For further information, please contact Jennifer Richardson, Ashe County Volunteer Coordinator, at 336-246-4347.

Sincerely,

Adam Stumb

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Ashe County Manager

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**2025 ASHE COUNTY VOLUNTEER
RECOGNITION NOMINATION FORM**

PLEASE COMPLETE EVERY SECTION OF THIS FORM MARKED WITH AN *

*Nominee Name: _____

*Address: _____

*Phone #: _____

*Name of Organization Where Volunteer Serves: _____

*Nominee's Organization/Group Contact Person: _____

*Organization Address: _____

*Organization Phone #: _____

*Nominated By: _____

NOMINEE TYPE* (ONLY CHOOSE ONE!!)

- Individual:** An individual who volunteers.
- Family:** A family that volunteers together on the same project(s).
- Group/Team:** A group or team of two or more people that volunteer together on the same project(s).
- Youth:** A person (age 18 or younger) who volunteers.
- Senior:** A person (age 55 or older) who volunteers.
- Perseverance in Volunteerism:** A person who has overcome significant obstacles (mental and/or physical) in order to engage in service to others.
- Faith-Based Entity:** An individual, family, group/team, youth or senior that volunteers through a faith-based community organization.
- Corporate/Business:** A for-profit or non-for-profit entity that has made a substantial impact in the community by encouraging employees to engage in public service.
- National Service:** Anyone who volunteers with a National Service program (AmeriCorps, VISTA or Senior Corps).
- Director of Volunteers:** A **paid** staff member who exceeds expectations of good volunteer management skills including recruitment, training, coordination, risk management, evaluation, retention and recognition of volunteers. *Other related job titles may include Volunteer Program Director or Manager of Volunteers.*

SERVICE CATEGORIES / Mark all boxes that apply to the nominee's service

- Veteran/Military:** Provides volunteer services to military families or veterans.
- Serving Youth:** Demonstrates an outstanding commitment to mentoring or educating youth (ages 18 and younger).
- Disaster:** Volunteers in disaster preparedness, response, recovery or mitigation activities. (unpaid)
- Animals:** Demonstrates outstanding commitment to volunteering with or for animals.
- Cultural:** Demonstrates outstanding commitment to volunteering in history, music, or the arts.
- Environment:** Indicates an exceptional commitment to environmental stewardship.
- Health & Human Services:** Shows remarkable dedication to those in need.
- Other (Please Specify):**

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- Lifetime Achievement:** An individual who has exhibited a lifelong commitment to volunteerism and community service. Nominees must have made a substantial and long-term sustained impact in the community as a result of their service efforts.

2025 ASHE COUNTY VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION NOMINATION FORM

Please Note: All nominations will be recognized at the annual awards ceremony along with the organization with whom they volunteer.

- Nominees must be residents of or located in Ashe County.
- Volunteers of the year are determined by the Nominating Committee.
- Volunteers may be nominated in more than one category. The Nominating Committee reserves the right to make final decisions as to the appropriate category for nominees.
- Organizations and individuals may make more than one nomination in each category.

Nominees will be notified prior to awards ceremony by letter. Please provide a complete mailing address for each nominee.

All nominations must be submitted on or before 5:00 pm, Friday, February 26, 2025. ***Nominations will not be accepted after this date.*** For more information, contact Jennifer Richardson, Ashe County Volunteer Coordinator, at 246-4347.

In order to be considered for Volunteer of the Year Award (in any category) or the Lifetime Achievement Award, a thorough description of the volunteer's efforts must be submitted. Please complete the nomination form in full.

On a separate sheet of paper, write a narrative of the nominee's community contributions. **Please include the following in your narrative:**

- Describe the nominee's outstanding commitment to volunteerism and to the agency or organization they served.
- Describe the nominee's outstanding accomplishments and how the impact of their service has helped meet critical needs in their community.
- Describe the nominee's special skills, qualities and/or leadership qualities.
- Please include nominee's total length of volunteer time served at each organization and their primary duties at each organization that they have served.

These narratives will be used to determine the volunteers of the year (in each category) and lifetime achievement award winners.

Send completed applications to:

Jennifer Richardson

Generations Ashe

180 Chattyrob Lane

West Jefferson, NC 28694

Or email your nomination(s) to jenniferrichardson@ashecountygov.com