

Ashley Honeycutt

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Ashley,

Could you please add me to the commissioner's meeting on February 1, 2021. I need to ask premission to hold the 36th Annual Volunteer Awards.

Attached you will find the letter requesting premission, Time Line of the Awards and Volunteer Nomination Form.

Thank You,

Terri

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January 20, 2021

Ashe County Board of Commissioners,

I respectfully request permission to hold the 36th Annual Ashe County Volunteer Awards Ceremony on April 22, 2021, at (place to be determined). I am including a Time Line, Award Ceremony Request Letter, the Awards Nomination Form, and a sample of the Invitation letter to be approved. Also, Governor Roy Cooper has requested nominations for the 2021 Governor's Volunteer Service Awards from Ashe County. Below is a list of nominations approved by the Volunteer Initiative Board to be sent to the NC Commission on Volunteerism within the Governor's Office. With your approval, I will continue to plan for the Governor Awards Breakfast/Luncheon celebration to be held in April or early May as well.

Very truly yours,

Terri Hopkins

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Ashe County Volunteer Coordinator

Enclosures

2021 Ashe County Overall Winner's/ Governor's Service Award Nominations

Connie Osborne

Project Star

Laura McPherson

Jerry, Peggy and Sarah Brandt

Dr. Linda D Brown

Ashe County Children's Christmas Project Volunteers

Halei Miller

Becky Marsten

Ashe Memorial Hospital Volunteers

Dr. Matthew Thomas-Reid

National Service

Corporation/Business

Director of Volunteers

Family

Senior

Faith Based

Youth

Lifetime Achievement

Group/Team

Individual

***Medallion Award Winner - Ashe County Children's Christmas Project Volunteers.**

36th Ashe County Volunteer Awards Ceremony Time Line 2021

- January 22, 2021** The 2021 Volunteer Awards Program Nomination Forms will be mailed out to Agencies and Organizations.
- February 19, 2021** The 2021 Volunteer Awards Program Nomination Forms will be due back by 5:00 p.m.
- March 12, 2021** 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.
- Apr. 1 – Apr-9** Nominee's will need to R.S.V.P by this date.
- April 22, 2021** The 2021 Ashe County Awards Ceremony will take place at the Ashe County High School with refreshments and registration beginning at 6:15 and the ceremony beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Location and Logistics to be determined. Volunteer Advisory Board would like to visit the idea of a drive thru ceremony at Generations Senior Center on April 22, at 6:15. To celebrate all volunteers and hand out certificates and awards.
- Pending approval from commissioners.

This is a tentative schedule and is depending on COVID -19.

- April 13, 2021** Volunteer Work Day at Generations Ashe at 12:00

2021 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 Organization/Group Contact Person: _____

*Address: _____

*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):** _____

- ☐ **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.

2021 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 19, 2021. ***Nominations will not be accepted after this date.*** For more information, contact Terri Hopkins, Ashe County Volunteer Coordinator, at 246-4347 or 246-2461.

In order to be considered for the Volunteer of the Year or the Lifetime Achievement Awards, 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 bullet points 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 and lifetime achievement award winners.

Send completed applications to:

**Terri Hopkins
Generations Ashe
180 Chattyrob Lane
West Jefferson, NC 28694**

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

January 20, 2021

Dear Agencies and Organizations:

The Ashe County Board of Commissioners will present the 36th Annual Awards Program to honor outstanding volunteers and organizations in the county. The reception and award ceremony is to be determined, due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The success of the awards program depends on the willingness of our community leaders and representatives to nominate deserving organizations and individuals. **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. If you would like an electronic copy of the entry form, please email terrihopkins@ashecountygov.com. Entry forms must be returned to Terri Hopkins at Ashe Services for Aging no later than **5:00 pm, Friday, February 19, 2021** or they may be emailed to terrihopkins@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 Terri Hopkins, Ashe County Volunteer Coordinator, at 246-2461 or 246-4347.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Stumb', written over a horizontal line.

Adam Stumb
Ashe County Manager

Enclosures