

# 2009 Jefferson Awards for Public Service

— honoring outstanding volunteers —

## Nomination Form



**Nominee:** (person you are nominating)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of volunteer service \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer hours per month \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Organization:** (Name of organization for which nominee volunteers, if applicable.)

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Director \_\_\_\_\_ Agency Mission \_\_\_\_\_

**References:** (List two people who may be contacted to verify nominee's service. References cannot include the person you are nominating or their family. Do not include yourself as a reference.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator:** (Your name)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Nomination Questions

Type answers to the following, using separate sheet(s) of paper:

- How has the person you nominated helped the community? (What does the person you are nominating do for the community? How does his or her volunteering change the community for the better?)
- Why does the person you are nominating deserve the Jefferson Award? (In what ways is his or her volunteer work outstanding, unique or impressive? Consider challenges he or she has overcome, partnerships with other people or groups, and results achieved.)
- What other service work has your nominee performed in the community? Contact others who know or work with the individual to make your nomination as complete as possible about the individual's community involvement and volunteer efforts.
- How many years has the person you are nominating been a volunteer? (Include all community projects or groups this person has helped through the years, even if your nomination focuses on one specific project or group.)
- Summarize why you believe this person deserves the Jefferson Award.

Please read the Eligibility section on the back of this form. This form may be photocopied.

Please submit all nominations to: The Jefferson Awards

c/o United Way of Greater Lima  
616 South Collett Street  
Lima, Ohio 45805



Nomination deadline is Wednesday, February 18, 2009 - 12 Noon

# NBC-Lima/United Way of Greater Lima/The Lima News Jefferson Awards for Public Service — *honoring outstanding volunteers* —

NBC-Lima, United Way of Greater Lima and The Lima News work cooperatively to bring the Jefferson Awards to Lima/Allen County and its contiguous counties.

From all nominations submitted, eight volunteers will be selected by a panel of area leaders as the Jefferson Awards winners. Each will receive a Jefferson Awards bronze medallion at an event in March, 2009.

Alberta M. Lee, a civic leader who believes in volunteerism and public service, is sponsoring monetary awards to accompany the Jefferson Award medallions. Eight local winners will each receive \$350 for the non-profit organizations for which they volunteer. One of the eight local winners will advance to the national competition and will receive an additional \$700 for the organization for which they volunteer. A national committee will select our local winner to attend the National Ceremony in Washington, DC in June and that person will be announced at the local banquet in March.

Our local representative will be honored, along with other local winners from across America, at the national program in Washington DC. Five gold medallion Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Awards for greatest public service benefitting local communities will be awarded at the national event.

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## Jefferson Awards History

The American Institute for Public Service (now known as the Jefferson Awards for Public Service) was founded in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft, Jr. and Sam Beard to establish a national recognition for, and encouragement of, outstanding community and public service — the Jefferson Awards.

Jefferson Awards are presented on two levels, local and national. On the local level, Jefferson Award recipients are volunteers who do extraordinary things without expectation of recognition or reward. Past local winners include Estella Adams, Penny Daniels, Shannon Mitchell, Chris Jackson, Dan Endicott, Dr. Gene Wright, Andrea Mitchell, and Sandy Monfort. Past national Jefferson Award recipients include Rosalyn Carter, Walter Cronkite, John Glenn, Barbara Bush, Bob Hope, Dr. Henry Kissinger, General Colin Powell, Oprah Winfrey and Elizabeth Dole.

Across America, 138 media affiliates in 75 communities sponsor the Jefferson Awards. Through these local Jefferson Award Programs, 14,000 nominations were received last year.

## Eligibility

- Individuals of all ages may be nominated for the Jefferson Awards. Groups are not eligible, however, individuals from groups may be nominated. The exception is that married couples or two people who have worked closely on a project may be nominated. The volunteer work must be done in Allen County or a county bordering Allen County (Putnam, Van Wert, Auglaize, Hardin, Hancock or Mercer County). Or the volunteer must reside in one of those seven counties.
- Individuals are not eligible for cash awards.
- Cash awards must be made payable to qualifying nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, with the IRS or be a political subdivision of the state as described in 107(c)(1), such as a public school or government agency. If the organization for which the winner volunteers is not eligible for a cash award, another qualifying agency may be selected.
- Top eight winners are eligible for re-nomination three years after their original nomination.
- Volunteer service may be performed on work-release time, without pay or for student course credit.

If you have questions contact: Judy Poling, Marketing Director, United Way of Greater Lima  
419-227-6341 or email: [jpoling@unitedwaylima.org](mailto:jpoling@unitedwaylima.org)