

# 2024 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 \_\_\_\_\_

• Adult Application:

• Youth Application:  Age \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

### 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

Please type answers to the following, using separate sheets of paper.

**Maximum of one page per answer.**

- 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.



Electronic nomination form can be found at [www.unitedwaylima.org](http://www.unitedwaylima.org)

Paper nominations can be emailed to: [uw@unitedwaylima.org](mailto:uw@unitedwaylima.org)

OR by mail to:  
The Jefferson Awards  
c/o The United Way of Greater Lima  
616 South Collet Street  
Lima, OH 45805

Alberta Lee, Sponsor of the Non-Profit Monetary Awards, Adults  
James E. & Sandra Monfort Family, Sponsor of the Non-Profit Monetary Awards, Youth

**Nomination deadline is Wednesday February 21, 2024 by 5:00PM**

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

From all nominations submitted, up to eight adult applications and up to four youth applications will be selected as the 2024 Jefferson Award Winners. The selections will be made by a panel of area leaders and past Jefferson Awards Winners. Each winner will receive a Jefferson Awards bronze medallion at a banquet on March 26, 2024.

The family of Alberta Lee has agreed to carry on her legacy by sponsoring the monetary awards to accompany the Jefferson Award medallions for the adult winners. The adult winners will each receive \$350 for the nonprofit of their choice. Ed and Sandra Monfort (past winners) are the monetary sponsors for our youth winners, who will each receive \$250 for the nonprofit of their choice.

One of the twelve local winners will advance to the national competition, receiving an additional \$700 for the organization for which they volunteer. This local representative will be invited to attend the National Ceremony. This individual will be honored, along with the other winners across America, at a national program in which five gold medallion Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Awards for greatest public service benefiting local communities will be announced. Our local representative will be named at the banquet in March.

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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.

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 representatives to the National Program include Estella Adams, Penny Daniels, Shannon Mitchell, Chris Jackson, Dan Endicott, Dr. Gene Wright, Andrea Mitchell, Sandy Monfort, Marjorie Bryan, Timothy Macke, Randy Kohli, Bobbie Nevarez, Steve & Earlene Sellers, Rachael & Cameron Staley, Lauren Cunningham, Angela Herzog, Greg Bukowski, Paul Bonifas, and Ed 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, hundreds of media affiliates sponsor the Jefferson Awards. Through these local Jefferson Award Programs, over 14,000 nominations are received year after 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 the following counties: Allen, Putnam, Van Wert, Auglaize, Hardin, or Hancock. The volunteer must reside in one of those six counties.
- As of 1/1/2024 an individual who is over the age of 19 will be eligible for the adult award and any youth 18 and under will be eligible for the youth award.
- Individuals are not eligible for cash awards.
- Cash awards must be made payable to qualifying non-profit organizations registered with the Ohio Secretary of State 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 twelve winners are eligible for re-nomination 5 years after their original nomination.
- Volunteer service may be performed on work-release time or for student course credit.

If you have questions contact: United Way of Greater Lima

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