2015 Governors Volunteer Stars Awards
~ HAMILTON COUNTY ~

County Mayor Jim Coppinger invites area agencies and residents to nominate individuals who give of their time and talents through volunteer service. A committee will select **one youth recipient and one adult recipient** to represent Hamilton County at the Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards ceremony in Nashville, February 2016.

Organizations may nominate one youth and one adult nominee using the attached forms. **Deadline for submissions is Friday, December 11, 2015.** Winners and the person who nominated them will be notified in January.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Any individual whose volunteer activities in Tennessee benefit the community or the State of Tennessee in a substantial, important, or unique way.
- Students receiving course credits are eligible, only if the volunteer service extends beyond course requirements. This must be clearly indicated in the nomination letter.
- National Service program participants (AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps*VISTA, Learn and Serve, RSVP, Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, etc.) are encouraged to apply based on their volunteer involvement in their national service assignment.

WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE?

- Individuals involved in "court mandated community service" or those serving as "loaned executives."
- Persons who receive compensation for service rendered (except National Service participants noted above).

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

- Volunteers may be nominated by anyone or may nominate themselves.
- The nomination letter should specifically be formatted for the Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards according to the judging criteria listed below. If it is written as a nomination for another award, it will not be given to the judges for consideration of this award.
- In the event that an individual is nominated multiple times, the review panel will consider only the first nomination form submitted.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- **Need:** Service addressed a specific need in the community (e.g. poverty).
- **Action:** The nominee was actively involved and took initiative.
- **Innovation:** The nominee used creative methods to solve community problems.
- **Impact:** The activity or service produced positive changes and provided an example to others.

Hamilton County - ADULT NOMINATION

Please attach a narrative of your ADULT nominee answering the following questions in 500 words or less:

1. What makes the honoree an outstanding volunteer?
2. What agency(s) do they serve with? How long have they served with this agency?
3. What type of service do they perform?
4. How does their service impact their community?
5. What makes the honoree unique?

Adult Nominee Information

Name: _____

Address_____

City _____ ZIP_____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

Volunteer Service Performed: _____

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Does the service performed address low-income issues? (Check one) Yes ____ No ____

Nominator Information:

Name_____ Phone_____

Address_____

City _____ ZIP_____

Email _____

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3 Ways to Submit:

1. FAX - (423)209-6114
2. EMAIL – NatalieP@HamiltonTN.gov (please attach one-page narrative)
3. MAIL – Natalie Paulsen, 625 Georgia Ave, Suite 208, Chattanooga, TN 37402

Hamilton County - YOUTH NOMINATION

Please attach a narrative of your YOUTH nominee answering the following questions in 500 words or less:

1. What makes the honoree an outstanding volunteer?
2. What agency(s) do they serve with? How long have they served with this agency?
3. What type of service do they perform?
4. How does their service impact their community?
5. What makes the honoree unique?

Youth Award Nominee Information

Name: _____

Address_____

City _____ ZIP_____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

Volunteer Service Performed: _____

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Does the service performed address low-income issues? (Check one) Yes ____ No ____

Nominator Information:

Name_____ Phone_____

Address_____

City _____ ZIP_____

Email _____

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