

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Eligibility Criteria

- The nominee must be a resident of Minnesota.
- The nominee's volunteer service must be accomplished **after reaching age 65**.
- Nominee must be **age 70 by June 1, 2011**.
- Nominee must currently do a volunteer activity that is unpaid and demonstrates commitment to their local community.
- A previous county winner not chosen as the state winner is eligible; however, a 2011 nomination form must be completed.
- You may only nominate one individual per nomination form. Couple nominations will be disqualified.

Instructions

Explain why you are nominating this person for the Outstanding Senior Citizen award. It is helpful to give specific, detailed and precise examples to assist the judges in choosing the winner. Do not hesitate to interview the person you are nominating. Nomination does not need to be kept secret. You may also speak to people at the organizations where the individual volunteers. Political and religious organization involvement will only be considered when it benefits the community. All information will be held in confidence by judges. Information submitted is not returned unless a request is made.

Judges will look for:

- Diversity of accomplishments
- How this person has touched the lives of other people in the community
- Total scope of activities, including years of service and time commitment
- Variety of services performed and involvement in organizations
- Quantity of accomplishments and amount of service **after age 65**
- Quality of activities, especially innovative services
- Geographic area covered by their service
- Individuals are encouraged to submit up to three letters of recommendation that focus on the candidate's achievements. **No more than three letters will be used in the judging process.**

The nominations will be judged by three representatives from each of the following organizations: the Minnesota State Fair, the Minnesota State Fair Foundation and the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs.

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