



# 2022 Volunteer Awards Information Sheet

## **About Marion County's 2022 Volunteer Awards:**

County departments and individuals are encouraged to nominate a volunteer or volunteer group for their service during calendar year 2022. This is an opportunity for deserving volunteers to receive recognition for their contributions to a Marion County department, division, or program.

Visit <https://www.co.marion.or.us/HR/VOL/Pages/recognition.aspx> to find the link for the new Volunteer Awards Nomination Portal.

**Nominations are accepted throughout the year but must be submitted to Volunteer Services no later than Friday, February 24, 2023 to be considered for a 2022 award.** A selection committee will review the nominations and select recipients.



Departments may choose to nominate more than one person or group within each category, and individual volunteers may be nominated for more than one category. For example, you may choose to nominate your outstanding volunteer for a Division/Program Award and the Judge Rex Hartley Volunteer of the Year. A separate nomination must be received for each award category.

Anyone may nominate a county volunteer or group for this annual recognition. Volunteers may be honored for ongoing or past service to a program, or for work on a one-time project. The Marion County Board of Commissioners will present awards at a special event to be scheduled in 2023.

## ***Nominations will be accepted for the following five categories:***

### **1. Youth Volunteer (7-17 yrs)**

The Youth Volunteer Award was developed to recognize volunteer accomplishments of young people 17 years and under who volunteer for county programs and departments. The award is intended to highlight the individual volunteer contributions of a young person. Youth who volunteer in leadership roles, on advisory boards, with special projects, and in programs for the county are eligible for this award. Volunteers nominated for this award are also eligible for the Judge Rex Hartley Volunteer of the Year award. You must submit a separate nomination for each category. **One individual receives this award each year.**

### **2. Division/Department Award (18+ yrs)**

An award for those who display dedication and exemplary accomplishments within the division or program in which they volunteer. Volunteers in this category will be recognized for their contribution to the division or program, to the customers or clientele the program serves, and the betterment of the community in which the program or service is implemented. Volunteers nominated for this award are also eligible for the Judge Rex Hartley Volunteer of the Year award. You must submit a separate nomination for each category. **One award will be given for each division or department with a nomination submitted.**

### **3. Advisory Board Volunteer**

Volunteers who serve on county advisory boards are eligible for the Advisory Board Volunteer award. Through this award an individual volunteer is recognized for service or leadership, for an ongoing commitment to an advisory board, or for work on a one-time special task force or ad hoc committee. Volunteers nominated for this award are also eligible for the Judge Rex Hartley Volunteer of the Year award. You must submit a separate nomination for each category. **One individual receives this award each year.**



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## 4. Commissioner Mary Pearmine Outstanding Volunteer Group Award

This award is for county affiliated groups with membership that consists of volunteers. Although the entire membership does not have to be volunteers, volunteers must be a component for a group to be eligible for the award.

The late Mary Pearmine served as commissioner for Marion County from 1991- 1998. In addition to being the first female commissioner in the county, she was a champion of volunteers and volunteer groups. Commissioner Pearmine and was instrumental in creating and fostering new and innovative boards and forums. Her demonstrated commitment of time and energy, her leadership, and her ability to bring the relevant players to the table are memorialized in this award. Commissioner Pearmine is remembered for her perseverance in seeking solutions to difficult problems. Before "collaboration" became a typical way for local government to operate, Commissioner Pearmine used it innovatively to address both emergency situations and long-term challenges faced by families and communities in Marion County.

The group receiving the Commissioner Mary Pearmine Group Award is added to the perpetual plaque displayed at Courthouse Square. **One group receives this award each year.**

## 5. Judge Rex Hartley Volunteer of the Year Award

One volunteer will be selected for this premier award based on their outstanding service to the county and the community.

In 1843 Oregon was divided into 4 districts including Champooick (later renamed Champoeg). The district was renamed Marion County in 1849, and at that time county business was administered by appointed Judges who formed the County Court. In 1951 Judge Rex Hartley, a native of Silverton, began serving as one of three county administrators appointed to the County Court. In 1962 he was instrumental in implementing the state-wide change that led to the system of government we have now and began serving on the County Board of Commissioners when it was established in 1963. He continued to serve as a commissioner until 1966.

Judge Hartley was dedicated to involving citizens in the development and governance of the county. He was a strong proponent of community service and citizen involvement. His energy and commitment to community and county is memorialized in this award.

The individual receiving the award receives an engraved individual award, and their name is added to the perpetual plaque displayed at Courthouse Square. **One individual receives this award each year.**

**About The awards selection process and ceremony:** Volunteer Services will notify nominees that they have been nominated, and the Selection Committee will meet in the late spring to select recipients. Once the selection committee has completed their work nominees, nominators, and department staff will be invited to a special event with the Board of Commissioners. The date will be selected by the Board and will likely coincide with National Volunteer Week in April or the County Fair in July. Any questions should be directed to Volunteer Services Coordinator Sherry Lintner at (503) 588-7990 or by e-mail at [slintner@co.marion.or.us](mailto:slintner@co.marion.or.us) or [volunteer@co.marion.or.us](mailto:volunteer@co.marion.or.us).



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## ***Nomination Form Directions***

1. Your participation is needed to make Marion County's volunteer recognition a success. Thank you for submitting a nomination for our 2022 Volunteer Awards. Visit <https://www.co.marion.or.us/HR/VOL/Pages/recognition.aspx> to find the link to the Volunteer Awards Nomination Portal.
2. Your nomination should recognize a volunteer for their **service during the 2022 calendar year** (January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022).
3. Remember to spell out acronyms and to give specific examples of the nominee's work and the importance to clients, the county, and/or community. A nominee may be honored for ongoing or past service to a program, or for work on a one-time project. Anyone may submit a nomination, and volunteers may be nominated for more than one category. A separate nomination form must be received for each category.
4. Nominations are accepted throughout the year but must be submitted to Volunteer Services no later than **5pm on Friday, February 24, 2023** to be considered for a 2022 award. A selection committee will review the nominations and select recipients; the Board of Commissioners will present awards at a yet-to-be determined event in 2023.
5. About the nomination portal:
  - a. Each narrative question is on its own page, and your content will be saved when you hit the "next" button. If your browser window remains open, you can toggle back and forth between pages up until the point you submit your nomination form. Specifically, you can edit your submission up until you check the final question "Yes, I am ready to submit my nomination". You will see a confirmation screen if you have successfully submitted a nomination.
  - b. There are 7-9 questions for each category, and the instruction page includes links to PDF documents that include the description of each category, a sneak peek at the questions asked for each award category, and past award recipients.
6. Try to focus on the volunteer or volunteer group's contribution to the county, benefit to the community, commitment to the project or the program, and any unique qualities of the volunteer work since these are the criterion that the selection committee will use.
7. Use specific examples to describe the nominee's activities and contributions. Stay away from vague references like "they are so wonderful" or "we could not get along without them." It is important to inform the selection committee why your volunteer is so wonderful and why you cannot get along without them.
8. Where appropriate include information about the numbers served, a description of the services offered, or the project that was completed. Describe any impact or changes to quality of life, availability of service, improved safety procedures, or community enhancement in which the volunteer or volunteer group was involved.

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***Your department's participation is needed to make Marion County's volunteer recognition event a success. Nominate your volunteers TODAY!***