Established by Volunteering SA&NT in 2014, these Awards recognise the outstanding contribution of the Northern Territory volunteers, volunteer involving organisations, corporate volunteering programs and volunteer managers at work in our community.

Volunteers are individuals or groups who are not paid for their service and contribution to the community (apart from reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses). A volunteer contributes of their own free choice and without coercion, through a not-for-profit organisation.

Nominations will be assessed by an independent Judging Panel chaired by Volunteering NT.

Nominations for all Awards close on 19th August 2018
FOLLOW THESE 8 STEPS TO GET READY TO NOMINATE

1 Confirm with your nominee that they agree to being nominated and the media coverage that may follow.

2 Identify which award category is appropriate.

3 Check the entry conditions for the award.

4 Research facts and information that shows the amazing contribution of your nominee.

5 Collect supporting evidence, eg photos, media clippings, letters or statements of support, certificates, marks of achievement—up to 2 double sided A4 and email it as pdf attachment to ntvolawards@volunteeringsa-nt.org.au with the name of the nominee and award title as the subject.

6 Compose your responses to the selection criteria—up to 500 words for each—explaining why your nominee deserves to receive this award.

7 Email your nomination form and supporting documents to ntvolawards@volunteeringsa-nt.org.au.

8 Submit your nomination and supporting documents by 5.00pm Sunday 19th August 2018.

PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS

The recipients of the awards will be announced publicly at two Awards Presentations.

The first event will be the Central Australia Awards at Double Tree by Hilton, Alice Springs on Wednesday 7th November 2018.

The 2nd event will be the Top End Awards at the Darwin Convention Centre on Thursday 8th November 2018.

All nominees and the person who nominated them will receive an invitation to attend the Awards ceremony in their area.

ANY QUESTIONS?

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AWARD CATEGORIES

Please select from the following awards. You may nominate someone for more than one category if they are eligible, however, a separate nomination form must be submitted for each award addressing the criteria for that award.

NORTHERN TERRITORY WIDE SECTION

1 Chief Minister’s NT Volunteer of the Year
   Nominations not accepted. Overall winner selected by Judging panel.

2 Northern Territory Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering
   Presented in honour of an individual who has made an exemplary life-long contribution to volunteering and who through their volunteering has contributed to the betterment of Northern Territory and its people.

3 Northern Territory Corporate Volunteer Team of the Year
   Presented in celebration of a company that has made a significant impact in the community of Northern Territory through its employee volunteering program.

4 Northern Territory Excellence in Volunteer Management
   Presented in acknowledgment of an individual salaried or non-salaried volunteer manager who has demonstrated good practice in the management of volunteers and the delivery of volunteer programs by those volunteers.

TOP END SECTION

5 Chief Minister’s Top End Volunteer of the Year
   Presented in honour of an individual who has made an exemplary voluntary contribution and who through their volunteering has made a significant impact in their community.

6 Chief Minister’s Top End Youth Volunteer of the Year
   Presented in celebration of an individual aged 18 – 30 years who has made an outstanding voluntary commitment and who through their volunteering has positively impacted on the lives of others.

7 Top End Emergency Service Volunteer
   The NT Medal for Emergency Service is presented in recognition of exceptional volunteer achievement, which may include considerable contributions over an extended period of time within Emergency Services.

8 Top End—Jacana Energy’s Community Volunteer Organisation of the Year
   Presented in celebration of a volunteer involving community organisation that provides innovative leadership and through good practice in volunteering brings about positive and enduring change to their community.

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA SECTION

5 Chief Minister’s Central Australia Volunteer of the Year
   Presented in honour of an individual who has made an exemplary voluntary contribution and who through their volunteering has made a significant impact in their community.

6 Chief Minister’s Central Australia Youth Volunteer of the Year
   Presented in celebration of an individual aged 18 – 30 years who has made an outstanding voluntary commitment and who through their volunteering has positively impacted on the lives of others.

7 Central Australia Emergency Service Volunteer
   The NT Medal for Emergency Service is presented in recognition of exceptional volunteer achievement, which may include considerable contributions over an extended period of time within Emergency Services.

8 Central Australia—Jacana Energy’s Community Volunteer Organisation of the Year
   Presented in celebration of a volunteer involving community organisation that provides innovative leadership and through good practice in volunteering brings about positive and enduring change to their community.
SELECTION CRITERIA

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS (categories 2, 4, 5, 6 & 7)
- Individual nominees must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident, living in the Northern Territory.
- Nominations for individual awards may be put forward by community organisations, local and state government agencies, industry groups or individuals.
- If an individual is eligible for more than one category, and is nominated for more than one category, a separate nomination form must be submitted for each addressing the criteria for that award.
- For all individual awards: nominators must not be related to the nominee.
- Nominators must complete the nomination form.
- The nominee must be aware of and agree to the nomination.
- Nominees must agree to any media publicity and promotion associated with the awards as requested by Volunteering NT or its nominated PR/Media liaison.
- Nominees for the NT Youth Volunteer of the Year Award must be aged between 18 and 30 years on 20th August 2018.
- All hard copies of nomination information and supporting material will remain the property of Volunteering NT and will not be returned.

ORGANISATION AWARDS (categories 3 & 8)
- Organisation of the Year must be a not-for-profit.
- Corporate team must have volunteered in the last 12 months.
- Organisations and corporate teams may self nominate.
- Corporate teams must inform the organisation that they volunteered at of the nomination.

ENTRY CONDITIONS
- The organisation nominated must be located and operate in the Northern Territory.
- Community, public and private sector organisations may self-nominate (ie nominate itself).
- Nominators must complete the nomination form.
- The nominee must be aware of and agree to the nomination.
- All hard copies of nomination information and supporting material will remain the property of Volunteering NT and will not be returned.
- The Judging panel drawn from experienced voluntary and community sector leaders who will consider all nominations and will select up to 3 finalists for these awards, and from these will choose one winner.
- The judges’ decision will be final with no correspondence being entered into.
- Nominees will be required to attend their Awards presentation.
FORMAT FOR ALL NOMINATIONS

• Nominations must be submitted electronically and address the criteria for each award. Organisations may nominate more than one volunteer for any of the Awards, but only one volunteer for the NT Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation.

• All nominees for the Award Categories and Certificates of Appreciation must agree to the nomination.

• All nominees for the Award Categories and Certificates of Appreciation must agree to media, publicity and promotion associated with the Awards as requested by Volunteering NT or the Northern Territory Government.

• All forms of nomination information will remain the property of Volunteering NT and will not be returned.

CHECKLIST

☐ I have confirmed the nominee agrees to being nominated and is aware of the possible media coverage that may follow.

☐ I have read and agree to all the relevant conditions of entry.

☐ I have two double sided A4 pages of supporting information.

☐ I have informed the nominee that the recipients of the awards will be announced at the Awards Presentation on the evening of Wednesday 7th November in Alice Springs or Thursday 8th November in Darwin.

YOU ARE NOW READY TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION ONLINE

To submit your nomination online go to: www.volunteeringsa-nt.org.au or email to ntvolawards@volunteeringsa-nt.org.au

NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT 5.00PM 19TH AUGUST 2018
Award Categories

1. CHIEF MINISTER’S NT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Nominations not accepted. Overall winner selected by Judging panel.

2. NORTHERN TERRITORY LIFETIME CONTRIBUTION TO VOLUNTEERING
Presented in honour of an individual who has made an exemplary life-long contribution to volunteering and who through their volunteering has contributed to the betterment of Northern Territory and its people.
Nominations must demonstrate how a volunteer has contributed to their community over an extended period of time and may include volunteering across several organisations.

CONTRIBUTION
- Describe the type, range, depth, consistency and duration of the nominee’s voluntary activities and how he/she has contributed as a volunteer through his/her life.
- Explain the activities undertaken and the individuals, groups, organisations, communities, and causes supported.
- Identify what is unique or outstanding about the nominee, and their best attributes and how are these demonstrated.
- Provide examples of challenges overcome and significant achievements and successes.

BENEFIT
- Describe who has benefited from nominee’s volunteering activities, and the nature and extent of the impact of the nominee’s work.
- Provide specific examples of how the nominee’s work has impacted on others, individuals or groups, and how far reaching the benefit and impact is felt eg locally, regionally or state-wide and whether it will have long term impact.
- Explain how others have shown appreciation and recognition of the value of the nominee’s volunteering, eg certificates and accolades received.

LEADERSHIP
- Describe how the nominee has shown initiative, and provide examples of initiative and innovation.
- Describe leadership and visionary qualities of the nominee and provide examples of how this is demonstrated.
- Describe how the nominee has inspired and encouraged others.
- Describe, with examples, how the nominee has contributed to capacity building eg developed processes, resources, skills, knowledge that will sustain and grow the volunteering activity.

3. NORTHERN TERRITORY CORPORATE VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE YEAR
Presented in celebration of a company that has made a significant impact in the community of Northern Territory through its employee volunteering program.

CONTRIBUTION
- Describe the type, range, depth, duration and value (social and financial) of the organisation’s corporate volunteering including employee volunteer programs, pro bono services, fundraising, sponsorship and partnerships and the individuals, groups, organisations, communities, and causes supported.
- Identify what is unique or outstanding about the organisation as a corporate volunteer, and its commitment to corporate volunteering and how this is demonstrated.

BENEFIT
- Describe the impact of the nominee’s volunteer programs and activities, including the benefit to employees, the organisation as a whole and the community and impact on employee and community engagement.
- Provide specific examples of how the corporate volunteering has made a difference, the breadth of the impact eg locally, regionally or state-wide and whether it will have positive long term benefit.
- Explain how others have shown appreciation and recognition of the value of the nominee’s contribution.
4. NORTHERN TERRITORY EXCELLENCE IN VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

Presented in acknowledgment of an individual salaried or non-salaried volunteer manager who has demonstrated good practice in the management of volunteers and the delivery of volunteer programs by those volunteers.

CONTRIBUTION
- Describe the type, range, depth, consistency and duration of the volunteer manager’s role and activities, including the number and nature of volunteer programs, number of volunteers involved and organisations supported.
- Describe what is outstanding about the way the nominee manages volunteers and volunteer programs. Describe their best attributes and how are these demonstrated. Provide examples of challenges overcome and significant achievements and successes in volunteer management and delivery of volunteer programs.

BENEFIT
- Describe who has benefited from volunteer manager’s contribution, including the volunteers, recipients of the volunteer programs, and volunteer organisations involved.
- Describe how the volunteer manager has made a difference, and the impact of good practice volunteer management on the volunteer involving organisation, the volunteers and the community they serve.
- Describe how far reaching the benefit is felt eg locally, regionally or territory-wide and whether it will have long term impact.
- Describe how important the role of the nominee is to the volunteer organisation.
- Explain how organisation and others have recognised the value of the nominee’s work.

LEADERSHIP
- Describe how the volunteer manager has shown initiative, and provide examples of innovation in volunteer management practices.
- Describe leadership and visionary qualities of the volunteer manager and provide examples of how this is demonstrated.
- Describe how the nominee has inspired and encouraged others.
- Describe how the nominee has used good practice in volunteer management and built capacity eg developed processes, resources, skills, knowledge that will enable others to sustain and grow the volunteering programs and individual volunteers.

5. CHIEF MINISTER’S VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR (Central Australia & Top End)

Presented in honour of an individual who has made an exemplary voluntary contribution and who through their volunteering has made a significant impact in their community.

CONTRIBUTION
- Describe the type, range, depth, consistency and duration of the nominee’s voluntary activities and how he/she has contributed as a volunteer.
- Explain the activities undertaken and the individuals, groups, organisations, communities, and causes supported.
- Identify what is unique or outstanding about the nominee, their best attributes and how are these demonstrated.
- Provide examples of challenges overcome and significant achievements and successes.

BENEFIT
- Describe who has benefited from nominee’s volunteering activities, and the nature and extent of the impact of the nominee’s work.
- Provide specific examples of how the nominee’s work has impacted on others, individuals or groups, and how far reaching the benefit and impact is felt eg locally, regionally or state-wide and whether it will have long term impact.
- Explain how others have shown appreciation and recognition of the value of the nominee’s volunteering, eg certificates and accolades received.

LEADERSHIP
- Describe how the nominee has shown initiative, and provide examples of initiative and innovation.
- Describe leadership and visionary qualities of the nominee and provide examples of how this is demonstrated.
- Describe how the nominee has inspired and encouraged others.
- Describe, with examples, how the nominee has contributed to capacity building eg developed processes, resources, skills, knowledge that will sustain and grow the volunteering activity.
6. CHIEF MINISTER’S YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR (Central Australia & Top End)

Presented in celebration of an individual aged 18 – 30 years who has made an outstanding voluntary commitment and who through their volunteering has positively impacted on the lives of others.

CONTRIBUTION
- Describe the type, range, depth, consistency and duration of the nominee's voluntary activities and how he/she has contributed as a volunteer.
- Explain the activities undertaken and the individuals, groups, organisations, communities, and causes supported.
- Identify what is unique or outstanding about the nominee, their best attributes and how are these demonstrated.
- Provide examples of challenges overcome and significant achievements and successes.

BENEFIT
- Describe who has benefited from nominee's volunteering activities, and the nature and extent of the impact of the nominee's work.
- Provide specific examples of how the nominee's work has impacted on others, individuals or groups, and how far reaching the benefit and impact is felt eg locally, regionally or state-wide and whether it will have long term impact.
- Explain how others have shown appreciation and recognition of the value of the nominee's volunteering, eg certificates and accolades received.

LEADERSHIP
- Describe how the nominee has shown initiative, and provide examples of initiative and innovation.
- Describe leadership and visionary qualities of the nominee and provide examples of how this is demonstrated.
- Describe how the nominee has inspired and encouraged others.
- Describe, with examples, how the nominee has contributed to capacity building eg developed processes, resources, skills, knowledge that will sustain and grow the volunteering activity.

7. EMERGENCY SERVICE VOLUNTEER (Central Australia & Top End)

The NT Emergency Service Award is presented in recognition of exceptional volunteer achievement, which may include considerable contributions over an extended period of time within Emergency Services.

CONTRIBUTION
- Describe the type, range, depth, consistency and duration of the nominee's voluntary activities and how he/she has contributed as a volunteer through his/her life.
- Explain the activities undertaken and the individuals, groups, organisations, communities, and causes supported.
- Identify what is unique or outstanding about the nominee, and their best attributes and how are these demonstrated.
- Provide examples of challenges overcome and significant achievements and successes.

BENEFIT
- Describe who has benefited from nominee's volunteering activities, and the nature and extent of the impact of the nominee’s work.
- Provide specific examples of how the nominee’s work has impacted on others, individuals or groups, and how far reaching the benefit and impact is felt eg locally, regionally or state-wide and whether it will have long term impact.
- Explain how others have shown appreciation and recognition of the value of the nominee’s volunteering, eg certificates and accolades received.

LEADERSHIP
- Describe how the nominee has shown initiative, and provide examples of initiative and innovation.
- Describe leadership and visionary qualities of the nominee and provide examples of how this is demonstrated.
- Describe how the nominee has inspired and encouraged others.
- Describe, with examples, how the nominee has contributed to capacity building eg developed processes, resources, skills, knowledge that will sustain and grow the volunteering activity.
8. Jacana Energy’s Community Volunteer Organisation of the Year (Central Australia & Top End)

Presented in celebration of a volunteer involving community organisation that provides innovative leadership and through good practice in volunteering brings about positive and enduring change to their community.

CONTRIBUTION

- Describe how the organisation involves volunteers in its activities and delivery of services to the community.
- Describe the type, range, depth, duration of the organisation’s volunteer programs, and the individuals, groups, organisations and communities and causes supported.
- Describe the value (financial contribution) of the volunteer programs to the organisation.
- Identify what is unique or outstanding about the organisation as a volunteer involving organisation, its commitment to volunteering, and support provided for volunteers and how this is demonstrated.
- Provide examples of challenges overcome and significant achievements and successes in the delivery of services through its volunteers and volunteer programs.

BENEFIT

- Describe the impact of the organisation’s volunteer programs and activities, including the benefit to the communities they serve, the organisation as a whole, and the volunteers themselves, including impact on community and employee engagement.
- Provide specific examples of how the organisation, through its volunteer programs, has brought about positive and enduring change to the community it serves, and the breadth of the impact eg locally, regionally or state-wide and whether it will have positive long term benefit.
- Explain how others have shown appreciation and recognition of the value of the nominee’s volunteer programs and volunteers.

LEADERSHIP

- Describe how the organisation has taken the lead.
- Provide examples of innovation in development and delivery of volunteer programs.
- Describe how the organisation champions good practice in volunteering, and provide examples of how this is demonstrated.
- Describe how the nominee has inspired and encouraged other community organisations that involve volunteers.
- Describe how the nominee has contributed to capacity building eg developed processes, resources, skills, knowledge that will sustain and grow the volunteering contribution.

NT Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation

The NT Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation recognizes individual volunteer effort and commitment during 2018.

To be eligible for an NT Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation, the volunteer must be selected and nominated by their volunteer organisation. This is not a judged category and there are no selection criteria. Each volunteer nominated will be recognised. This category enables organisations to acknowledge one of their volunteers for their time, effort or something they have done, and provides an additional opportunity to recognise an outstanding volunteer.

Any organisation may nominate one of their current volunteers. Volunteers who are nominated for any of the categories above not eligible for the Certificate of Appreciation.

Nominations for the Certificate of Appreciation close by 19th August 2018.

STILL GOT QUESTIONS?

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