

What is National Volunteer Week?

Canadians have a rich history of volunteering and community involvement. The work of the volunteer is essential. National Volunteer Week (NVW) pays tribute to the millions of Canadian volunteers who donate their time and energy.

April 15 to 21, 2012 is National Volunteer Week, and this year's theme is Volunteers: Passion, Action, Impact. During this week-long celebration, Canadians across the country will be thanked and honoured for the outstanding contributions they make to their communities. By recognizing the actions and efforts of volunteers, we create opportunities to raise awareness about the vital impact they make on our community and society as a whole, all the while doing it with passion.

Who can nominate a volunteer?

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, we invite all City of Vaughan not-for-profit organizations and community groups to nominate their most outstanding volunteer of 2011 in order to recognize the vital contribution they make not only to our City but also to our country.

Award recipients and criteria?

Recipients of the City of Vaughan Volunteer Recognition Awards are individuals who volunteer their time to a not-for-profit organization or community group located in the City of Vaughan and have been selected by that organization for their outstanding volunteerism.

Non-profit organizations and community groups, consider nominating an outstanding youth volunteer this year as an award recipient.

"Youth volunteers are not leaders of tomorrow, not the hope of the future - rather they are the leaders of today and the future is now! Youth volunteers can challenge previous ways of thinking, doing and feeling. They are full of ideas and they have much to contribute."

Becky Anderson - Volunteer Coordinator, Canadian Cancer Society (Calgary)

The nominating organization must follow the criteria noted below in the selection of their **most outstanding volunteer of 2011**:

1. An organization can only nominate **one** volunteer in either of the following categories:

Youth volunteer: An individual between the ages of 15-24

Adult volunteer: An individual aged 25 years and older

Multiple or group nominations are not eligible.

2. The volunteer does not receive direct or indirect compensation for their volunteer efforts from the organization.
3. The volunteer's services have an important impact on the organization's mandate.
4. The volunteer goes above and beyond, and is dedicated to making a difference in the community.
5. The volunteer is a role model and exemplifies the spirit of community service.

How are the awards presented?

The Mayor and Members of Council will present each recipient with a volunteer recognition certificate and a City of Vaughan pin at a special ceremony on:

Date: **Wednesday, April 18, 2012**

Location: **Vaughan City Hall**
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive

Time: **6:45 p.m. Registration**
7:30 p.m. Ceremony

The recipient will receive a letter from the Mayor inviting them to attend the ceremony. This letter will be mailed to all recipients by the end of March.

When is the deadline?

Please complete the attached nomination form and return by **Friday, March 16, 2012** to:

City of Vaughan

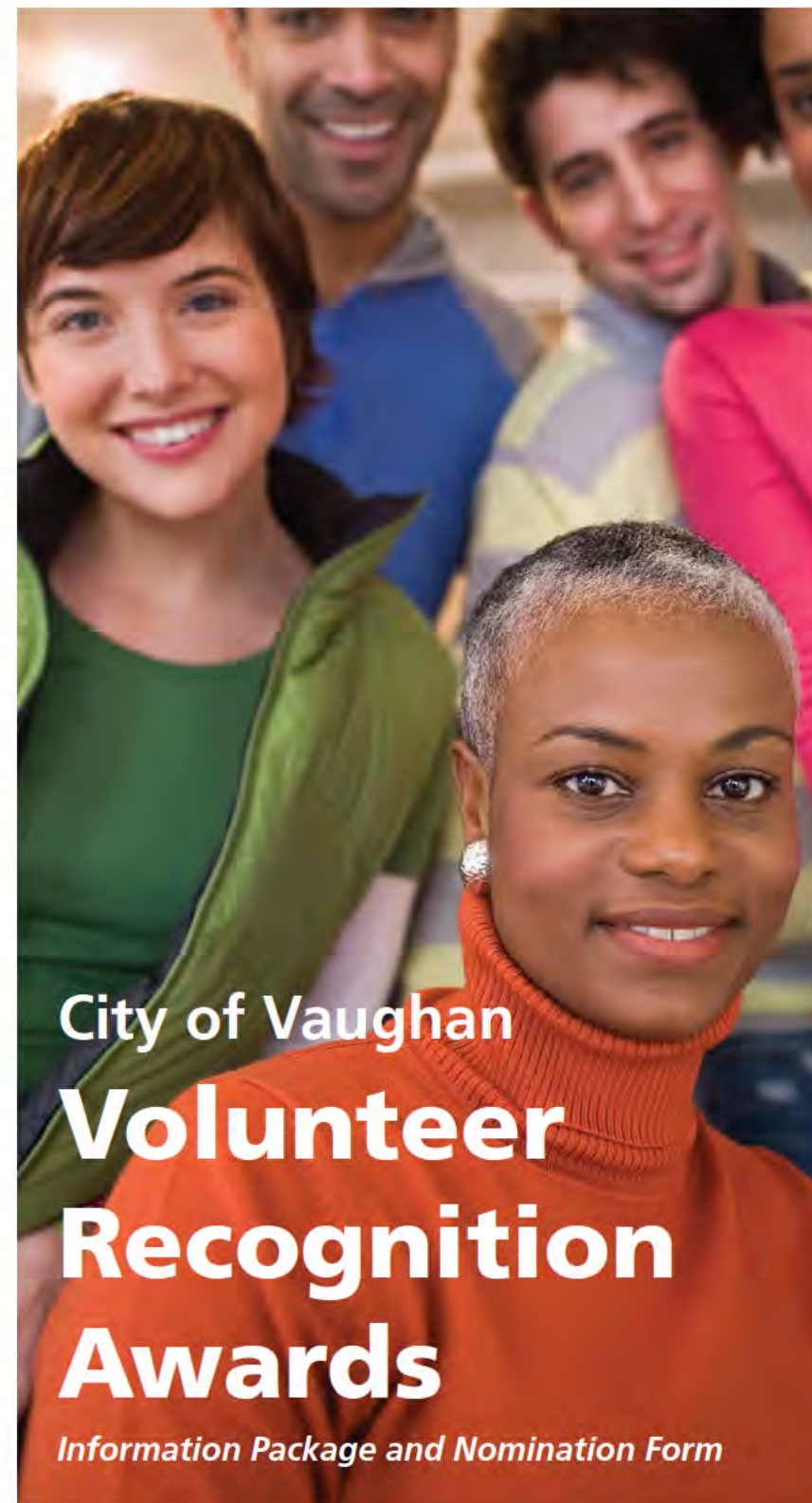
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City of Vaughan Volunteer Recognition Awards Nomination Form

Please fill in the following information and submit no later than Friday, March 16, 2012.

NOMINEE:

Category: ☐ Youth ☐ Adult

Title: ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Daytime Contact #: () _____

Evening Contact #: () _____

Email: _____

NOMINATION DECLARATION:

I hereby nominate:

On behalf of (Organization/Community Group)

to be recognized for a City of Vaughan Volunteer Recognition Award.

Name of Nominator - Title/Position (please print)

Signature of Nominator

Date

NOMINATING ORGANIZATION/COMMUNITY GROUP:

Volunteers can not nominate themselves. The nomination must come from the organization or community group that has benefited from the efforts of the volunteer.

Name of Organization/Community Group:

Years in operation: _____

Contact for Organization/Community Group, Name and Title:

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Daytime Contact #: () _____

Evening Contact #: () _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

NOMINATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2012

Please return nomination form by mail, fax or email to:

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REASON FOR NOMINATION:

Describe how the nominee has given of their time and energy to the organization.

Describe the impact that the nominee's services have on the organization's mandate.

Describe how the nominee goes above and beyond and is dedicated to making a difference in the community.

Describe why the nominee is a role model and exemplifies the spirit of community service.

