



2021 Nomination Packet

Exemplary Community Volunteer Awards



Including the Anne T. Rutherford Award, Volunteer Spirit Awards, Youth Initiative Awards, Emerging Leader Award, Corporate Volunteerism Award, Charles M. Sargent Legacy Award, and Neighbor to Neighbor Award

November 16th 2021 • Rolling Hills Community Church
For more information, contact Franklin Tomorrow, 615-794-0998, emily@franklintomorrow.org

Fill in the Nomination Form electronically at www.franklintomorrow.org

Dear Nonprofit Leader:

As Executive Director of Franklin Tomorrow, I would like to invite you to review the nominations packet for the 15th annual Franklin Tomorrow Exemplary Community Volunteer Awards and consider nominating one or more volunteers from your organizations for the 15th annual awards process.



The awards will be presented November 16th during an event at Rolling Hills Community Church. Through these awards, Franklin Tomorrow hopes to show what can happen when volunteers come together to make an impact on our community.

In 2007, Franklin Tomorrow established the Exemplary Community Volunteer Awards to honor the decades of service and tremendous impact of Anne T. Rutherford, a founding member of Franklin Tomorrow and an active volunteer for many community organizations. The award recognizes the collective effort of an individual's work and the impact on the agencies themselves and the community at large. One award is given annually.

The Volunteer Spirit and the Youth Initiative Awards were created to allow more people to be honored for selflessly supporting local non-profit organizations or agencies. Other award categories include awards for emerging leaders in the community, awards for corporate partners that show the value of giving back, and for those who have shown extreme generosity to its neighbors and community.

A \$500 grant to the winner's non-profit of choice accompanies the Anne T. Rutherford Award, while a \$250 grant accompanies the other awards.

A complete nomination form, with rules and additional information, is attached to this email. A one-page statement describing the service of the nominees **MUST ACCOMPANY** the form, along with a digital photo of the nominee. Completed nominations should be submitted to Emily Grayson at emily@franklintomorrow.org by Thursday, October 14, 2021.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mindy D. Tate".

Mindy Tate
Executive Director
Franklin Tomorrow Inc.

General Information

The Awards

In 2007, Franklin Tomorrow established the Anne T. Rutherford Exemplary Community Volunteer Award to honor the decades of service and tremendous impact that Mrs. Rutherford has in Franklin, Tennessee. In the following years, the Awards grew to include Volunteer Spirit Awards and the Youth Initiative Award. We are honored to celebrate the lives of those in our community who give selflessly to support and encourage in our local organizations. Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, a cash contribution will be made on behalf of each award recipient to a direct service non-profit of their choice.

Anne T. Rutherford

Anne T. Rutherford is a longtime Franklin resident, whose volunteer spirit has aided numerous organizations, including Franklin Tomorrow, United Way, and the Historic Carnton Plantation. The Anne T. Rutherford Exemplary Community Volunteer Award was created by Franklin Tomorrow to honor her commitment to our community and celebrate her legacy of service.

Franklin Tomorrow

Franklin Tomorrow is a community-wide effort to engage the community, foster collaboration and advocate for a shared vision for the future of Franklin. Franklin Tomorrow began in 2000 as an outgrowth of Leadership Franklin and the continuing effort to identify needs in our community. Our strategy groups are constantly evolving to reflect today's challenges and form a vibrant Franklin Tomorrow. We are a non-profit, 501c(3) organization focused on communicating the shared vision through focus, education, advocacy and accountability.

14th Annual Exemplary Community Volunteer Awards

This event will be held at Rolling Hills Community Church. The event will be livestreamed via Franklin Tomorrow's social media channels and website.

Nomination Tips

Here are some tips to writing nominations that really stand out and reflect the true commitment of your nominees. Remember that you may know your volunteer really well, but the one-page description you submit is how the Awards Committee gets to know your nominee.

- Include compelling examples and/or stories of the nominee's volunteer service with the agency and/or clients.
- Describe how the nominee stands apart from all the rest.
- Cite any special challenges the nominee has overcome.
- Discuss the impact of the nominee's service on the overall work of the agency or organization.

Taking the time to write a thorough nomination could provide a wonderful, lifetime memory for your volunteer or organization.

Eligibility and Selection Process

Eligibility

Deserving volunteers may be nominated by any community member or staff person. Nominees must be actively volunteering at one or more organizations in Franklin/Williamson County. If the nominator is not with the volunteer agency of the nominee, please provide contact information for the agency. Please note that some are not eligible for participation, including past award recipients, individuals involved in “court mandated community service” or those receiving compensation for service rendered.

Nomination Process

Multiple nominations may be submitted in each category, however, only one nomination per agency will be eligible for the finalist in each category. An exception is made for umbrella agencies with multiple site locations that operate independently. Each independent site may submit nominations. This exception does not apply to multiple programs or departments within one agency.

Nominations must be accompanied by a Nomination Form, a one-page statement, and a photo of the nominee. The one-page statement is very important as it introduces our Awards Committee to the nominees. Nominations submitted without the one-page statement will not be included in the Awards selection process. A digital photo is also required. The photo will be used to recognize the winners as well as allow the Awards Committee to get to know the nominees more personally.

The deadline for submitting nominations is end of business on **Thursday, October 14, 2021**. Nominating persons will receive an email confirmation within three business days of submitting nominations. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact Franklin Tomorrow at (615) 794-0998 or emily@franklintomorrow.org.

Selection Process

The Awards Committee will be responsible for screening and selecting the finalists in each award category. The Awards committee is made up of community volunteers, volunteer administrators, business leaders and civic leaders.

Finalists Notification

Finalists and their nominators are notified in late October. Phone calls will be made to all finalists. Emails will follow to the finalists and their nominators. Names of the award recipients are kept confidential until the presentation at Volunteer Awards on November 16, 2021 at Rolling Hills Community Church.

Award Categories

Anne T. Rutherford Exemplary Community Volunteer Award - Individuals eligible for this award are involved in a variety of community activities. The collective effect of their work has impact on the agencies themselves and the community at large. Consideration is given to each nominee's variety of work and overall impact. One award is given in this category annually. We look for a heart for service and a dedication to the community at large.

Volunteer Spirit Awards - Individuals eligible for these awards are involved either in a variety of community activities or primarily in one organization as a significant volunteer. The effect of their work, either collectively in the community or primarily in one organization, has a profound impact. This individual stands out as altering the environment around them simply by their service and heart for their community. Three awards are given in this category annually.

Youth Initiative Award - Individuals eligible for this award are under the age of 21 and are involved either in a variety of community activities or primarily in one organization as a significant volunteer. The effect of their work, either collectively in the community or primarily in one organization, has a profound impact. This individual stands out as setting a standard of service for the youth in our community.

Corporate Volunteerism - This award will be awarded to a company or organization that sees the value of giving back to their community through successful volunteer programs with high levels of participation and impact.

Emerging Leader Award – This award will recognize a young professional between 20 and 40 years of age whose professional or volunteer efforts are having a positive impact on his or her community.

Charles M. Sargent Legacy Award – This Award recognizes an individual who has made significant impact in the areas of business, quality of life, and leadership. This award is given to honor the memory of longtime 61st District state Rep. Charles Sargent, the 2018 award recipient.

Neighbor to Neighbor Award - This award will be given to an individual or organization that has shown extreme generosity to its neighbors in Williamson County and has exceeded expectation in terms of giving back to the community.

FRANKLIN TOMORROW EXEMPLARY VOLUNTEER NOMINATION APPLICATION

Nominations are due no later than Thursday, October 14, 2021. Please submit by email to emily@franklintomorrow.org by Thursday, October 14, 2021. A one-page statement describing the specifics of the work of the nominee **AND** a digital photo of the nominee is **REQUIRED**.

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| Nomination category (Choose one:) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Spirit Award <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Initiative Award <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Volunteerism Award <input type="checkbox"/> Emerging Leader Award <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbor to Neighbor Award | |
| NOMINEE'S NAME: | |
| Address: | City/ZIP |
| Email: | Phone: |
| Agency/Agencies: | |
| NOMINATED BY: | |
| Name: | Title: |
| Company Name: | Address: |
| City/ZIP | Phone: |
| Email: | |

PLEASE INCLUDE:

- A one-page statement describing the service of the nominee(s), including how many hours of volunteer time the nominee(s) have logged in 2021 and the value of the nominee(s) volunteerism. Nominations will not be accepted without this.
- Digital photo of your nominee(s) for event promotion is **REQUIRED**. Type or paste your one-page nomination on the following page or provide it separately.

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