

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Date: _____

The _____ District Festival wishes to honour the following
festival volunteer(s) at the SMFA Conference Volunteer Award Luncheon on Saturday, October 31.

VOLUNTEER AWARD GUIDELINES

While SMFA recognizes the importance of all volunteers, this award is intended for those who have made a significant contribution to your organization. To continue honouring our volunteers at future SMFA Conferences, the following policies are in effect:

- ✓ A maximum of **two** Volunteer Recognition Awards may be presented per District Festival per festival year.
- ✓ Each Volunteer Award recipient is invited to attend the Volunteer Award Luncheon. District Festivals are responsible for expenses incurred by the award recipient, including the cost of luncheon tickets.
- ✓ No speeches are required.
- ✓ Return this form with a brief write-up & photo of your volunteer nominee(s) to the Provincial Office no later than September 30, 2026. Late nominations will be considered for the following year.

The following quote is relevant to use as District Festivals make their decision about honouring a Volunteer:

*One man has enthusiasm for 30 minutes,
Another for 30 days,
But it is the man who has it for 30 years,
Who makes a success of his life.*

- Edward B. Butler, American Scientist

The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.

-DeAnn Hollis

Submitted by DeAnn Hollis

The broadest, and maybe the most meaningful definition of volunteering: Doing more than you have to because you want to, in a cause you consider good.

-Ivan Scheier ([from Building Staff/Volunteer Relations](#))

Submitted by Claudia Collier, Director, Volunteer Center of the YMCA, Mankato MN, USA