

2025 Jefferson Awards for Public Service

Honoring outstanding volunteers

Nomination Form



Information about the person you are nominating

Name: _____

Daytime telephone: _____

Evening telephone: _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Number of years of volunteer service: _____

Volunteer hours per month: _____

Adult application? ☐

Youth application? ☐ Age: _____ School: _____

Information about the primary volunteer organization

Organization: _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Agency director: _____

Agency mission: _____



Lima Refinery



Non-Profit Monetary Award, Adults: Sponsored in memory of Alberta Lee
Non-Profit Monetary Award, Youth: Sponsored by James E. & Sandra Monfort Family

Electronic nomination forms available at UnitedWayLima.org,
HometownStations.com and LimaOhio.com/JeffersonAwards

Paper nominations can be emailed to info@limanews.com or mailed or
dropped off to **Jefferson Awards**;
c/o The Lima News; 205 W. Market St.,
Suite 100B; Lima, OH 45801

Nomination deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025

Nominator's information

Name: _____

Daytime telephone: _____

Evening telephone: _____

Email address: _____

Additional reference for the volunteer

Name: _____

Daytime telephone: _____

Evening telephone: _____

Email address: _____

You may also include letters of support from others, up to 250 words.

Nomination Questions

Please share answers of up to 250 words to the following questions on this or another sheet:

1. How has the person you nominated helped the community? Share details of how their volunteerism changed the community for the better.

2. What other service work has your nominee performed in the community? Contact others who work with the person to make your nomination as complete as possible.

3. Why does the person you are nominating deserve the Jefferson Award? In what ways is the volunteer work outstanding, unique or impressive? Share challenges overcome, partnerships with other groups and results achieved.

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The United Way of Greater Lima, The Lima News, Your Hometown Stations, Cenovus, Milano Café and Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center work cooperatively to bring the Jefferson Awards to Lima/Allen County and its contiguous counties.

From all nominations submitted, up to eight adult applications and up to four youth applications will be selected as the 2025 Jefferson Award winners. The selections will be made by a panel of area leaders and past Jefferson Awards winners. Each winner will receive a Jefferson Awards bronze medallion at a banquet on March 25, 2025.

The family of Alberta Lee, a civic leader who believed in volunteerism and public service, sponsors the monetary awards to accompany the Jefferson Award medallions for up to eight adult winners, who will each receive \$350 for the nonprofit of their choice. James E. and Sandra Monfort (both past winners) are the monetary sponsors for up to four youth winners, who will each receive \$250 for the nonprofit of their choice.

One of the local winners will receive an additional \$700 for the organization for which they volunteer.

Jefferson Awards History

The American Institute for Public Service, now known as the Jefferson Awards for Public Service, was founded in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft, Jr. and Sam Beard to establish a national recognition for, and encouragement of, outstanding community and public service.

On the local level, Jefferson Award recipients are volunteers who do extraordinary things without expectation of recognition or reward. Past local representatives to the National Program include Estella Adams, Penny Daniels, Shannon Mitchell, Chris Jackson, Dan Endicott, Dr. Gene Wright, Andrea Mitchell, Sandy Monfort, Marjorie Bryan, Timothy Macke, Randy Kohli, Bobbie Nevarez, Steve & Earlene Sellers, Rachael & Cameron Staley, Lauren Cunningham, Angela Herzog, Greg Bukowski, Paul Bonifas and David Bates.

Eligibility

- Individuals of all ages may be nominated for the Jefferson Awards. Groups are not eligible, however, individuals from groups may be nominated. The exception is that married couples or two people who have worked closely on a project may be nominated.
- The volunteer work must be done in the following counties: Allen, Auglaize, Hardin, Hancock, Putnam or Van Wert. The volunteer must reside in one of those six counties.
- As of 1/1/2025 an individual who is over the age of 19 will be eligible for the adult award, and any youth 18 and under will be eligible for the youth award.
- Individuals are not eligible for cash awards.
- Cash awards must be made payable to qualifying non-profit organizations registered with the Ohio Secretary of State or be a political subdivision of the state as described in 107 (c)(1), such as a public school or government agency. If the organization for which the winner volunteers is not eligible for a cash award, another qualifying agency may be selected.
- Top 12 winners are eligible for re-nomination five years after their original nomination.
- Volunteer service may be performed on work-release time or for student course credit.

If you have questions, contact Erin Hardesty, United Way of Greater Lima,
at 419-227-6341 or ehardesty@unitedwaylima.org.