

It's Time to Honor our Local Volunteers & Organizations!!!!



32ND ANNUAL
KLAMATH COUNTY

VOLUNTEER
of the
YEAR

**AWARDS & RECOGNITION
CELEBRATION**

Please take a few minutes to honor the special volunteers and organizations in your life for their service by completing a nomination entry form today. Every person and non-profit organization nominated receives an award and is **publicly recognized at a special awards luncheon on April 22nd at noon at The Klamath Basin Senior Citizens Center.**

To receive this entry form electronically or for more information, please contact the United Way at info@uwkf.org. You can also download entry forms at the following website:

Unitedwayoftheklamathbasin.org.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS March 7th (BY NOON)



Presented By:
United Way of the Klamath Basin
in partnership with The
KMSB Foundation

National Volunteer Week April 20-26, 2025

32nd Annual Klamath County Volunteer of the Year Event

“The People’s Choice Awards”

General Information: Nomination Due: March 7, 2025

The United Way Volunteer Center’s **Volunteer of the Year Awards & Recognition Event** is an annual celebration held during National Volunteer Week to honor Klamath County citizens, organizations, and institutions for outstanding community service. **Every individual and non-profit receives an award** and is recognized in the local media. United Way presents this event annually in partnership with the KMSB Foundation. Entry forms are available at United Way, 136 N. 3rd Street, or can be sent electronically to your email. Please email info@uwkf.org to request an application.

The Volunteer Center aims to enhance the spirit of volunteerism within Klamath County through recruitment, training, and referral of volunteers to non-profit organizations needing help. Each year, local media members judge every nomination and select ten finalists in the following categories:

TYPE	Number	Age Group
Senior	2	55 years and over
Adult	2	19 to 54 years
Youth	3	18 years and younger
Education	1	See Criteria Below
Public Safety	2	See public safety criteria below
And or Public Service		Agency, media, school, church, club
Volunteer of the Year	1	an individual selected from the above categories.

Each organization must serve the community at large. Religious, fraternal, or professional groups that provide services only to their members are not eligible. **On or About April 15, 2025, all nominees will be notified of the Recognition luncheon on Tuesday, April 22nd.**

Please submit a photo along with your nomination form. JPEG photos can be sent to United

Way email at info@uwkf.org. United Way can also take a picture of each nominee at your convenience. Please contact United Way at 541-882-5558 for more information.

ELIGIBILITY:

- An individual or group active in volunteer efforts may be nominated for work during the past 12 months.
- The volunteer work must be done in Klamath County & bordering towns in California.
- Individuals or groups that volunteer on work-released time and for student course credits are eligible.
- **Education Award:** This award is for any individual or group, regardless of age, who volunteers specifically in education from Pre-K through grade 12 at public or private schools. (A senior, adult, or youth who volunteers in education may be eligible in either category.)
- **Youth Award: This award** is for individuals 18 and under at the time of nomination. Youth groups are eligible for the Education award only.
- **Public Safety Award or Public Service Award:** is for any individual or group involved with public safety (public agency or private non-profit), regardless of age.
- **Public Service Category:** an organization that serves the community (church programs, social services, clubs, etc.).

NOMIATING PROCEDURES:

- The nomination form must be completed entirely and legibly (please print or type).
- Any individual or group may nominate more than one candidate or nominate themselves.
- **Entry forms must be submitted to the United Way office before noon on March 7th.**
- Pertinent supplementary information (no more than two pages) may be submitted along with the entry form. This may include letters, newspaper clips, photos, etc.

- Officials also reserve the right to re-categorize an entry when appropriate (nominator to be notified).
- The decision of the judges is final. The nomination forms and supplementary information become the property of the United Way of the Klamath Basin and cannot be returned.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The nominations will be judged based on the two criteria listed below, each having 25 possible points. Please limit responses to up to two pages (please type or print legibly).

LEADERSHIP & COMMITMENT:

Please comment on the amount of time, personal leadership skills, talents, and any special characteristics and qualifications the nominee has shown in the service to your organization or school.

IMPACT & ACHIEVEMENT:

Please comment on the overall tasks and benefits the nominee has provided your organization or school. How important was their accomplishment to the overall success of your organization or school and to the general benefit of our community?

NOMINATION FORM: (submit one application for each nominee). Mark ONE Category ONLY

Check ONE: _____ Youth _____Adult _____Public Safety & Public Service
 _____ Education _____ Senior

NOMINEE: INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP

Full Name: _____ Phone # (_____) _____ - _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

If youth, month/day/year of birth _____

NOMINATOR: INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP (Please answer as completely as possible).

Full Name of Individual, School, Church, or Organization:

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Nominator's name if different from above _____

Nominator's Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I, Herby, nominate _____ for a Volunteer of the Year Award.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

SEND ALL ENTRIES TO:

United Way Volunteer Action Center

Office Address: 136 N. 3rd Street

Klamath Falls, OR 97601

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Contact United Way

Cassie Stiehr (Associate Director)

Email: cassie@uwkf.org

Nomination entry forms may be mailed, hand-delivered, or emailed.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: March 7, 2025, By Noon

NOMINEE'S CONTRIBUTION: (Please provide no more than two typed pages to address the following two selection criteria).

LEADERSHIP & COMMITMENT: Please comment on the amount of time, personal leadership skills, talents, and any special characteristics and qualifications the nominee has shown in the service to your organization or school.

IMPACT & ACHIEVEMENT: Please comment on the overall tasks and benefits the nominee has provided your agency. How important was their accomplishment to the success of your organization or school and the benefit of our community?

NOMINEE'S OTHER VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT (S): Please list other organizations, clubs, or programs the nominee is involved with. The contact person might be notified to verify the information provided.

Organization, Club, Program: (Name & Mailing Address)	Contact Person:	Phone #:
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VERIFICATION & COORDINATION: To qualify for consideration, a nominee must have one reference, which may be contacted to verify the scope and extent of the nominee's activities. References should be people familiar with the accomplishment for which the volunteer is being nominated and may not include the nominator, the nominee, or any family member related to the nominee.

Name: _____ Phone (_____) _____-_____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

If appropriate, nominations should be reviewed with the organization's executive director, president, or a school official to coordinate entries for the same nominee. This also aims to help produce a more detailed and competitive nomination entry. Good luck, and thank you for supporting the United Way in promoting the spirit of volunteerism. **This event is presented by the United Way of the Klamath Basin in financial partnership with The KMSB Foundation.**

THESE FORMS MAY BE DUPLICATED

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

NOMINATION RECEIVED ON: _____

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK IS APRIL 20th-26th, 2025

VOLUNTEERS GIVING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE