

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



33RD ANNUAL
KLAMATH COUNTY

VOLUNTEER
of the
YEAR

AWARDS & RECOGNITION
CELEBRATION

Please take a moment to honor the outstanding volunteers and organizations in your life by submitting a nomination today. All nominated individuals and nonprofit organizations will receive an award and be publicly recognized at a special awards luncheon on April 21, 2026 at noon at the Klamath Basin Senior Citizens Center.

To receive this form electronically or for more information, contact United Way at info@uwkf.org or download the form at www.unitedwayoftheklamathbasin.org.

Nomination deadline: March 6, 2026 (by noon)



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National Volunteer Week April 19-25, 2026

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33rd Annual Klamath County Volunteer of the Year

“The People’s Choice Awards”

Shining a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve

Klamath County Volunteer of the Year Awards is an annual celebration held during National Volunteer Week to honor Klamath County individuals, organizations, and institutions for outstanding community service. All individual and nonprofit nominees receive an award and are recognized in local media.

This event is presented annually by United Way of the Klamath Basin in partnership with the KMSB Foundation (Klamath Medical Service Bureau).

Nomination forms are available at United Way of the Klamath Basin, 136 N. 3rd Street, or by email request at info@uwkf.org.

United Way’s Volunteer Program promotes volunteerism in Klamath County through recruitment, training, and referrals to nonprofit organizations. Each year, local media representatives review nominations and select finalists in the following categories:

Finalist Categories

- Senior (55+) – 2 finalists
- Adult (19–54) – 2 finalists
- Youth (18 and under) – 3 finalists
- Education – 1 finalist (see criteria)
- Public Safety / Public Service – 2 finalists (see criteria)
- Volunteer of the Year – 1 individual selected from all categories

Organizations must serve the community at large. Religious, fraternal, or professional groups serving only their members are not eligible.

Nominees will be notified of the recognition luncheon on or about April 6. The awards luncheon will be held Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

Photo Submission

Please submit a photo with your nomination form. JPEG files may be emailed to info@uwkf.org. Klamath Basin United Way can also photograph nominees by appointment. For assistance, call 541-882-5558.

Eligibility

- Individuals or groups active in volunteer service within the past 12 months may be nominated.
- Volunteer service must take place in Klamath County or bordering towns in California.
- Volunteers serving during work-release time or for student course credit are eligible.
- Education Award: Individuals or groups volunteering in Pre-K–12 education at public or private schools (nominees may also qualify for Senior, Adult, or Youth categories).
- Youth Award: Individuals age 18 or younger at the time of nomination. Youth groups are eligible only for the Education Award.
- Public Safety Award: Individuals or groups involved in public safety (public agencies or nonprofit organizations), regardless of age.
- Public Service Award: Organizations serving the community at large (e.g., church programs, social services, clubs).

Nominating Procedures

- Forms must be fully completed and legible (typed or printed).
- Individuals or groups may submit multiple nominations or self-nominate.
- All nominations must be received by March 6, 2026 (by noon).

- Up to two pages of supplemental materials may be included (letters, news clips, photos, etc.).
- Officials may reassign categories as needed (nominator will be notified).
- Judges' decisions are final. All submitted materials become the property of United Way of the Klamath Basin and cannot be returned.

Selection Criteria

Nominations are scored on the following two criteria (25 points each). Responses should not exceed two pages.

Leadership & Commitment

Describe the nominee's time commitment, leadership, skills, talents, and other qualities demonstrated in service to your organization or school.

Impact & Achievement

Describe the nominee's contributions and outcomes. Explain the significance of their efforts to your organization or school and to the broader community.

Submission Information

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

Forms may be duplicated

Send all entries to:

United Way of the Klamath Basin
136 N. 3rd Street
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

For further information:

Contact Klamath Basin United Way
541-882-5558 or Email: info@uwkf.org

Nomination Form *(Submit one form per nominee)*

Category (check one):

- Youth Adult Senior Education Public Safety / Public Service

Nominee Information

- Individual Group

Full Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

If Youth, Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Nominator Information

- Individual Group

Name of Individual, School, Church, or Organization:

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Nominator Name (if different): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I hereby nominate _____ for Volunteer of the Year Award.

Signature (typed name accepted): _____

Date: _____

Nominee's Contribution

(Limit responses to no more than two typed pages total.)

Leadership & Commitment

Describe the nominee's time commitment, leadership abilities, skills, talents, and any special qualifications demonstrated in service to your organization or school.

Impact & Achievement

Describe the nominee's contributions and outcomes. Explain the importance of their accomplishments to your organization or school and the broader community.

Other Volunteer Involvement(s)

List additional organizations, clubs, or programs the nominee is involved with.

Organization / Program (Name & Mailing Address)	Contact Person	Phone
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Verification & Coordination

Each nominee must include **one reference**, who may be contacted to verify the scope and extent of volunteer activities. References may not be the nominator, nominee, or a family member.

Reference Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

When appropriate, nominations should be coordinated with the organization’s executive director, president, or school official to strengthen submissions and avoid duplicate entries.

Thank you for supporting United Way of the Klamath Basin and helping promote the spirit of volunteerism. This event is presented by United Way of the Klamath Basin in financial partnership with the KMSB Foundation.

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Email completed forms to info@uwkf.org

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8 Nomination Received On: _____