



Search for
**OUTSTANDING
VOLUNTEERS**



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Search for Outstanding Volunteers?

Created in 2001, the Search for Outstanding Volunteers (SOV) is a recognition program aimed to highlight the exemplary volunteer services rendered by individual volunteers, organizations, and local government units in empowering communities and contributing to the country's development goals.

This is being conducted by the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA), in coordination with National Economic and Development Authority Regional Offices (NROs), Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) through the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA).

Is there a required area of coverage for the volunteer work carried out?

Only volunteer work conducted within the Philippines will be considered. Programs, projects, and activities which are part of the National Service Training Program or PPAs under the extension function of universities or colleges are not considered.

Are foreign volunteers eligible for nomination?

For individuals, only Filipino citizens are eligible. For organizations, only Philippine or local chapters of foreign or international non-profit organizations and corporate organizations may qualify.

Is there an age requirement for a possible nominee under the Individual Category?

Yes. For the youth category, nominees from all regions except BARMM must be between 15 and 30 years old, while nominees residing in BARMM must be between 15 and 40 years old. As for the adult subcategory, nominees from all regions except BARMM should be 31 years old or older, whereas nominees residing in BARMM should be 41 years old or older.

Can government employees qualify for the award?

Yes, government employees may qualify for the award as long as the volunteer work is carried out outside or beyond their duties or responsibilities as government employees.

Do organizations need to be registered in order to qualify for the nomination?

Nominated organizations must be registered with or accredited by a government agency (e.g. SEC, DTI, DOLE-BRW or CDA, LGU, DSWD) and relevant accreditation group or organization (public or private) in order to qualify for the Award.

Is self-nomination allowed?

Yes, self-nomination is allowed.

Can I nominate an individual or organization who is a recipient of another volunteer award?

Yes, individuals or organizations who received an award from another group, organization, or company may be nominated as long as the nominees meet the criteria.

Can I nominate more than one individual or organization?

Yes, you may nominate as many individuals or organizations as you want.

Can I nominate an organization (for the Organization Category) as well as its Head (for the Individual Category) at the same time?

Nomination of the organization and the head of the same organization in the same year is not allowed.

What is the prize to be received by the awardees?

Awardees will receive plaques and certificates of recognition and will be invited to attend the awarding ceremony in their region. They will also be featured in the future publications of PNVSCA. There is no monetary incentive for this Search.

Can I nominate previous awardees of the SOV or SOCV?

Previous awardees of SOV are no longer eligible to be nominated. But SOCV awardees in 2020 and 2021 may qualify for nomination.

Where can we download the nomination forms?

Further information and nomination forms can be downloaded from www.pnvsca.gov.ph, the websites of NEDA Regional Offices (<https://bit.ly/NEDAROs>), and <https://bpda.bangsamoro.gov.ph/>

Where can we submit the accomplished nomination forms and attachments?

Nominations must be submitted to the Regional Search Committees handling the region where the volunteer programs, projects, or activities of the nominee were rendered.

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