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Outstanding Volunteer Nominations Due 01 Jul 2026

Do you have questions about the Outstanding Volunteer/Team Awards process? We've put together a list of FAQs to help you.

1. **Who can nominate an Outstanding Volunteer or Team?** Any local genealogical society or organization in Washington State can participate in the Outstanding Volunteer or Team program.
2. **Does my society have to be a member of WSGS to nominate someone?** Actually, all local genealogical societies are complimentary members of WSGS. If, however, you'd like to become a paid member (only $12/year!), we'd love it. To become a paid organization, click here.
3. **Does our nominee have to be a member of WSGS?** No, your nominee does not have to be a member of WSGS. In the past, we've had honorees that were local business people.
4. **Does WSGS choose the Outstanding Volunteer or Team from all the nominees?** No. This program is not a competition among the nominees or societies. WSGS honors every individual and team who is identified by their local genealogical organization for exceptional efforts. This program is a way for local society and groups to give widespread recognition to their top volunteers.
5. **How many nominees can my society submit?** We know there are a lot of your members who have worked hard this year, but please limit your nominations to two individuals or one team. Contact Roxanne Lowe at Info@wasgs.org if you have an extraordinary situation.
6. **Our nominee doesn't want his/her picture submitted.**
   That's fine – we'll work with that.
7. **Speaking of photos, it's hard to get a picture of our whole team.**
   No problem – you can submit individual pics and we'll work with that.
8. **What does my nominee or team get for being an Outstanding Volunteer or Team?**
   Each nominee will receive a personalized certificate outlining why they were nominated by their local society. He/she/they will also be featured on the WSGS Blog. It is also our hope that the nominating society will honor their volunteer at an upcoming meeting or event.
9. **Can we nominate someone who has been an Outstanding Volunteer before?**
   Absolutely! More than 50 people have been honored more than once since the program's inception in 2003.
10. **How can I see who my society has nominated in the past?** Click here to see a cumulative index of all 600+ names since 2003, listed by society and by individual name.

11. **Can we nominate someone posthumously?** Yes. What a wonderful way to show his/her family that you valued their late family member's achievements.
12. **What if we want the nomination to be a surprise?** We love surprises (and keeping secrets!) Just check the box on the nomination form to let us know you want to keep this under wraps until the "big announcement."
13. **How do we nominate someone?** We've made it pretty easy. The deadline is 01 Jul 2026, when we'll need the easy-to-complete form and a photo. After that, you'll get a chance to review and approve the certificate before it's announced.
14. **When will the announcements be made?** 27 Aug 2026 at our Virtual Annual Meeting (details later). They will also be posted on the WSGS Blog and website.
15. **Where is the nomination form?** Click here to download the form.
16. **Need more information?** Email Info@wasgs.org if you've got question we haven't covered.