

2020 VIVAs Nomination Form

Food Bank of the Southern Tier - Very Important Volunteer Awards

Nominate an outstanding volunteer for the VIVAs!

Winners will be recognized at our 4th annual volunteer celebration on **April 9, 2020** at the **Food Bank**. Please complete this form and follow the instructions for the Letter of Support.

Check award category (only one box per nomination):

- Full Circle*
- Excellence in Collaboration*
- Excellence in Community Service*
- Volunteer Excellence*
- Volunteer Duo*
- Junior Volunteer of the Year*
- Volunteer of the Year*



(* for description see page 2)

A. Nominee Information (please print):

Individual, Company, Organization Name: _____

Company Contact (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

B. Nominee Service Information:

Program Served: _____

Street Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Site Coordinator or Volunteer Coordinator: _____ Phone: () _____

C. Nominator Information:

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Street Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

D. Letter of Support:

On a separate sheet (two-page limit), explain why this individual, team, business, or group deserves this award.

Mail, fax, deliver or email to:

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Nomination Submissions due: **January 31, 2020**



Instructions and Criteria

Eligibility

- Nominees are eligible in ONE category only.
- Past winners are not eligible.
- Nominees must have volunteered for the Food Bank within the previous year.

Nomination Information

- Each nomination must include the Nomination Form.
- Each nomination must include a Letter of Support, minimum 1 paragraph (limit two pages).
- Please, no photos, videos or scrapbooks.
- Judges may know nothing about the nominee or organization, so “sell” the judges on why your nominee should win. Give specific examples, personal comments and include quotes.
- Incomplete Nomination Forms and/or incorrect Letters of Support will not be judged.

Full Circle Award – advocate, donate, and volunteer: This award is presented to an individual who exemplifies a commitment and dedication to our volunteer program, contributing financially on a regular basis and advocating for social and political change to help end hunger in our communities, while actively promoting the Food Bank to a wider audience.

Excellence in Collaboration: This award is presented to an influential group (i.e. a nonprofit, government agency, for-profit entity, funder, etc.) whose contributions and partnership have resulted in a greater collective impact. By leveraging combined resources, we achieve greater results than one organization could achieve on its own.

Excellence in Community Service Award: This award is presented to a corporate group (i.e. for-profit entity, funder, etc.), whose culture encourages and empowers staff members to volunteer and their contributions have a positive impact on the volunteer program at the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

Volunteer Excellence Award: This award is presented to an individual who has shown long-standing passion and dedication to volunteering and has made significant contributions of time, actions, and dedication to volunteering with the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

Volunteer Duo Award: This award is presented to a couple who are making significant contributions to the community through their collective time volunteering together with the Food Bank on a regular basis. They are role models for compassion, and service- striving to make the world a better place through volunteering.

Junior Volunteer of the Year Award: This award is presented to a volunteer under the age of 18 who has demonstrated a high level of commitment and dedication to our volunteer program and has volunteered on a regular basis throughout the year.

Volunteer of the Year Award: This award is presented to an individual for demonstrating a high level of commitment and an unwavering dedication to our volunteer program and who has volunteered on a regular basis and volunteers for special events, going above and beyond to help end hunger in our communities.