



Prairie Central District for Sport Culture and Recreation

Volunteer Recognition Program

Vision: To support communities in the recruitment and retention of volunteers by creating a climate where volunteers feel valued. Volunteers are acknowledged for their contributions and feel appreciated.

Purpose: To increase public recognition of the importance and value of the beneficial contributions volunteers provide in sport, culture and recreation.

Target Group: Sport, culture and recreation sector volunteers who reside within district boundaries.

Nomination procedure:

Volunteer of the Month

1. The Awards Committee will adjudicate each nomination based on the program categories and criteria listed below.
2. The nomination must be made by a sport, culture and/or recreation district member.
3. The accomplishments and benefits section of the nomination form must explain how the nominee meets the award criteria. What the nominee did. How did the community benefit as a result of what the nominee did.

i.e.) The Nominee's accomplishments:

The nominee coordinated the after school program 3 days a week the month of April where 100 participants ages 5-7 developed new skills in throwing and kicking, made new friends, learned how to share and cooperate with peers, gained social skills, had fun, while working together as a team.

Benefits provided:

- Improved health
- Increased quality of life
- Human development

Explanation of benefits:

- Improved health – The youth were physically active for 90 minutes each day
- Increased quality of life – The youth learned how to build relationships in a structured cooperative setting.
- Human development - The youth learned many age appropriate skills – then list what skills the youth developed.

4. Submit the nomination by the 20th of each month.

5. The recipients will be recognized at a Nominee Announcement Event in their own community as part of a locally planned event. This will be coordinated between the PCDCSR staff and the nominee's community designate.
6. The nominee community is responsible for designating a contact person to work with PCDCSR staff to coordinate the Nominee Announcement Event. PCDCSR is responsible to administer the award program, select the award recipients, provide the awards, develop promotional materials and have a representative from the PCDCSR Board of Directors attend the Nominee Announcement Event.

Volunteer of the Year

7. The Award of the Month recipients will be adjudicated to become eligible for the Award of the Year.
8. Same procedure as above except the Nominee Announcement Event is to be held annually during Volunteer Week - the third week of April.

Long Service Awards

9. Long Service Awards will also be awarded annually during Volunteer Week - nominations accepted on ongoing basis throughout the year but must be received in the office by March 1st.
10. Submit the nomination form to one of the following offices:

Submit nominations to:

Prairie Central District for Sport Culture and Recreation - Volunteer Recognition Program
P.O. Box 818, Wynyard SK S0A 4T0
Fax: 554-2412 Email: info.pcdscr@sasktel.net

Volunteer Recognition Program Award Categories:

- 1. Youth Volunteer of the Month Award** - A youth volunteer in PCDSR member community under the age of 18 years;
 - i. Who contributes considerable amount of personal time to sport, culture or recreation.
 - ii. Who demonstrates strong leadership, is motivational, and a positive role model.
 - iii. Whose contributions in sport, culture or recreation have provided his/her peers with personal benefits in the areas of health, quality of life, and/or human development.
 - iv. Nomination must be submitted on official nomination form.

- 2. Volunteer of the Month Award** - An adult volunteer in PCDSR member community 18 years of age and over;
 - i) Who contributes a significant amount of personal time to sport, culture and/or recreation each month.
 - ii) Whose contributions in sport, culture and/or recreation programs and/or services have provided community members with personal benefits in the areas of health, quality of life, and/or human development.
 - iii) Who has been motivational and a positive role model.
 - iv) Nomination must be submitted on official nomination form.

- 3. Volunteer Group of the Month Award** - A volunteer group in PCDSR member community (group of 3-10 members);
 - i) Who have contributed considerable time in the development and implementation of sport, culture and/or recreation programs and services that provide social benefits in the areas of increase of community quality of life, decreasing anti-social behaviour, and/or building stronger families/communities.
 - ii) Nomination must be submitted on official nomination form.

- 4. Long Service Awards (awarded every year)** - Both adult & youth volunteers in the PCDSR member community who provide long, faithful, beneficial service in sport, culture and/or recreation;
 - i) For five years of faithful and effective service to sport, culture and/or recreation.
 - ii) For each additional five years of faithful and effective service to sport, culture, and/or recreation. i.e. 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 years.
 - iii) Nominations must be submitted on an official nomination form.