



Volunteer of the Year Award

Introduction

Baltimore Main Streets values the contributions of neighborhood volunteers. The Main Street program is a volunteer-driven initiative and as such will honor the commitment of volunteers to each of our neighborhood business districts. On an annual basis, Baltimore Main Streets will accept nominations for the Baltimore Main Streets Volunteer of the Year Award. Nominations will be accepted in the winter of each year, and the award recipient will be announced during National Volunteer Week, which typically occurs annually in April.

The Award

The Volunteer of the Year Award consist of the following:

- A plaque awarded to the volunteer selected;
- A Mayoral Citation;
- A press release written by the Baltimore Development Corporation;
- A feature story on the homepage of the Baltimore Main Street website; and
- A \$500 contribution in the volunteer's name to the Baltimore Main Street neighborhood that the award recipient volunteers.

Eligibility

Individuals and groups are both eligible for this award. The nominee must meet the following criteria:

- The nominee must have accrued at least one year of service with your Main Street organization;
- The nomination must be for service completed during the last calendar year prior to the award. For example, if you are submitting the award in February 2007, the nomination should only include service that occurred in 2006;
- Nominations may be made by the Main Street Manager, a Board member, merchant, or the general public; and
- Previous award recipients are not eligible.

Criteria

The nominations will be assessed on the following criteria:

- The volunteer's length and frequency of service;
- The volunteer's involvement in promoting the image of the business district;
- The volunteer's leadership role with the Main Street organization. This includes positions of leadership as well as the volunteer's initiative in creating and implementing projects;
- The volunteer's demonstrated commitment to the Main Street Four Point Approach; and
- The volunteer's dedication to supporting the mission of the Main Street organization.

Nomination

Please submit the attached form and three copies to Baltimore Main Streets no later than March 1st of each calendar year. Nominations may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed. Please e-mail the nomination to dlanglely@baltimoredevelopment.com or call 410-837-9305 and ask to speak with a Baltimore Main Street staff member.

Nominations will be reviewed by the Baltimore Development Corporation's Commercial Revitalization Team, and the award recipient will be chosen by Baltimore Main Streets staff.



Volunteer of the Year Award Nomination Form

Please complete the following. Attach additional pages if necessary:

- 1.) Nominee: _____
- 2.) Nominee Contact Information _____
- 3.) Nominator _____
- 4.) Nominator Telephone Number _____
- Nominator E-mail Address _____
- Nominator Mailing Address _____

Please provide the following information about your nominee:

- 1.) What is the length of the volunteer's service?
- 2.) In what capacities has the volunteer served your Main Street organization?
- 3.) What is the frequency of the volunteer's service?
- 4.) How many merchants have directly benefited from the volunteers service?
Estimates are acceptable.

- 5.) Please briefly describe any projects created and/or implemented by the volunteer.

- 6.) Has the volunteer recruited any additional volunteers for your organization? If so, how many volunteers have been recruited and in what capacities do they serve?

- 7.) Has the volunteer recruited any businesses to your district either directly or indirectly? If so, please list the business name(s) and location(s).

- 8.) Narrative. In no more than 500 words, please explain why your nominee deserves this award. Please pay special attention to how the volunteer promotes a positive image of your business district, specific examples of service, and how this volunteer's contributions are unique. Please note if a merchant or resident has contacted you to acknowledge the value of your nominee's contributions.

- 9.) If applicable, please attach any pictures or news stories that supports your candidate's nomination. Pictures will not be returned and will become the property of Baltimore Main Streets and may be used for promotional purposes.