



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
**Department of Education**

**DATE:** November 3, 2017  
**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT: Seeking Nominations for the 2017 Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Awards**

On behalf of the Department of Education, I am pleased to announce that nominations for the 2017 Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Awards are now being accepted. The awards recognize the outstanding efforts of Virginia's volunteers. Nominations are open to small businesses, corporations, community groups, individuals and families that exemplify extraordinary volunteerism and community service.

I encourage you to consider nominating an individual, student, family, parent, or organization that is making a positive impact in your school community. Awards will be presented in individual and group categories, including youth, senior and adult volunteers, faith-based organizations, families that volunteer together, community organizations, small businesses and corporations.

This year's winners will be honored this spring during an awards ceremony in Richmond. For more information or to nominate a person or group, visit: <http://virginiastudent.virginia.gov/volunteering/governors-volunteerism-awards/> or call (804) 726-7918, 1-800-638-3839 or email [volunteerism@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:volunteerism@dss.virginia.gov). The deadline for nominations is December 22, 2017 at 5 p.m.

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