

SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD PROGRAM 2008

Guidelines for Nominations

For over 150 years, the Michigan State Fair has paid tribute to the accomplishments of Michigan residents in the industrial, agricultural, and educational fields. As part of this tradition, on Seniors' Day at the Fair the Commission on Services to the Aging and the Office of Services to the Aging will join with the Michigan State Fair to honor the tremendous contributions by Michigan older adults. The Senior Citizen of the Year Award highlights the contributions to civic and social life made by persons aged 60 and older. The Award is presented in two categories **leadership** and **service**.

1. Please complete the information for the nominee, the nominating organization and the appropriate questions for the category of leadership or service and attach to the nomination forms. (Responses to all questions are needed in order to score nominations).
2. Selections will be made primarily on the leadership or service rendered in the past year. Emphasis should be placed on a nominee's activities after age 60. Nominees must be 60 years of age or older on or before the July 7 deadline.
3. Nominations must be submitted by an organization. Members of the Michigan Legislature are not considered organizations; however, they can submit letters of support for a nominee. A presiding officer of the organization must sign the nomination form. *Individuals who serve on the Commission on Services to the Aging, the State Advisory Council on Aging, and employees of the Office of Services to the Aging and the Michigan State Fair are ineligible for nomination.*
4. Only the provided nomination form, or a photocopy, will be accepted.
5. Nomination forms must be postmarked by Monday, July 7, 2008.
6. Nominees can be employed at the time the nomination form is received; however, the nominee will be judged on service or leadership in unpaid positions.
7. Winners will be invited to attend the award ceremony at the Michigan State Fair. Attendance is not required to receive an award.
8. All information pertaining to the nominees and the names of winners will be kept confidential until released either by the Michigan State Fair or by the Office of Services to the Aging. Please note: Clippings or other related materials submitted with nomination forms will not be returned.
9. Submit signed nomination form and completed materials to:

Michigan Office of Services to the Aging
Senior Citizen of the Year Award Program
P. O. Box 30676
Lansing, MI 48909-8176

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Please describe, and attach on a separate sheet, the following with particular emphasis on the nominee's accomplishments during the past year.

L E A D E R S H I P

1. Leadership roles assumed by nominee (include results achieved under nominee's leadership; percentage of time devoted to civic and fraternal activities).
2. Benefit(s) gained as a result of nominee's leadership role.
3. Number of people affected by nominee's leadership and percentage of time devoted to such action.
4. Attributes that indicate nominee is a leader (ability to plan, ability to organize and develop ideas or projects).
5. Memberships held and involvement in business, service and volunteer organizations both past and present, if applicable.

S E R V I C E

1. Benefits to older adults and others as a result of nominee's service.
2. Number of people affected by this service during the past year.
3. The extent the nominee has integrated his or her own skills with the community's needs.
4. What personal growth has been achieved since volunteering?
5. Describe activities the volunteer is involved in.