

2016 Senior Citizen of the Year Award – Nomination Form March 18, 2016 Deadline

Don't delay in nominating an older Michigan resident for the 2016 Senior Citizen of the Year Award!

This annual state of Michigan tradition celebrates an older adult whose community has been enhanced through their active engagement, volunteerism, and selfless acts of service to others.

Nominations are being sought from Michigan community services agencies, faith-based organizations, businesses, civic organizations, and any others who value senior volunteerism at its best, and wish to nominate an older adult whose efforts are worthy of recognition and celebration. Nominees from diverse backgrounds, organizations, and service areas are welcomed and encouraged.

The award winner will be honored at Older Michiganians Day on May 11 at the State Capitol in Lansing. The winner will be presented with \$1,000, courtesy of Consumers Energy, and an opportunity to be celebrated by their peers.

To be eligible for consideration, nominees:

- Must be 60 years of age or older on or before the March 18 deadline.
 - Must be nominated by an organization, rather than an individual.
 - May be employed at the time of nomination, however, it is volunteer work that will be judged.
- Note that name and information will be kept confidential; nomination forms will not be returned.*

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Send completed nomination form (Parts I-III) to:

U.S. Mail: Aging & Adult Services Agency/Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Senior Citizen of the Year Award, P.O. Box 30676, Lansing, MI 48909-8176 *Nomination forms postmarked on or before March 18 will be accepted.*

OR

Email: Shirley Bentsen at bentsens@michigan.gov – *Include nomination form as an attachment.*

Entries are strongly encouraged to paint an interesting picture of their nominee through descriptive explanations of their volunteer activities and accomplishments as you and others see them. Complete and succinctly written nominations are given ideal consideration.

This award is sponsored by the Aging & Adult Services Agency/Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, in partnership with the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging, State Advisory Council, and Consumers Energy. As such, individuals either employed by or are members of these organizations are ineligible for nomination.

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Part I. Please Print or Type

Senior Volunteer Name	Age
Address (including City and Zip Code)	
Email Address	
Phone (including Area Code)	
Occupation (If retired, occupation prior to retirement)	

Part II. Please Print or Type

Name of Nominating Organization	
Name/Title of Nominator	
Address (including City and Zip Code)	
Email Address	
Phone (including Area Code)	

Part III –Please provide thoughtful, clear, and succinct responses to these points:

1. Describe the volunteer service(s) performed by the nominee that is/are worthy of celebration and recognition.
2. Explain who has benefitted from or been impacted by the nominee's volunteerism, and how. What community need has been addressed?
3. Describe at least three personal qualities or characteristics that make this person special, such as their relationships with community members, impact on the volunteer environment, ability to never take no for an answer, the ability to listen to people in need of help, etc.
4. Provide any additional information that would be helpful and/or interesting in considering this nominee.
5. In 100 words or less, summarize why your nominee is deserving of this award.
6. Is the nominee available to attend the Older Michigan's Day event on May 11, 2016 at the State Capitol in Lansing?