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SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD PROGRAM 2009

Each year, the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, the Commission on Services to the Aging, and the Michigan State Fair join to honor outstanding contributions by Michigan's older citizens. Awards are given in two categories:

- Leadership in the community
- Service provided to others

Attached is the nomination form for the 2009 award. Nominations must be submitted by organizations and signed by the presiding officer, e.g., executive director, board president.

Nominations must be **postmarked by Monday, July 6, 2009.**

Nominations must be sent to:

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

If you have questions, please contact Cindy Albrecht, Office of Services to the Aging, at (517) 335-4016 or visit the OSA website at www.michigan.gov/MiSeniors.

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SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD PROGRAM 2009 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 age 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. (Response 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 6 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 6, 2009.
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:

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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 the activities the volunteer is involved in.

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NOMINATION FORM
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Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging &
the Michigan State Fair**

Nominee's Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

E-mail Address: _____ **Telephone:** () _____

Occupation (if retired, occupation prior to retirement) _____

<p>CAN NOMINEE RECEIVE AWARD IN PERSON?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

<p>IS THIS NOMINATION FOR (Choose One)</p> <p>Leadership <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Service <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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Name of Nominating Organization:		
Name of Presiding Officer:		
Signature of Presiding Officer:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
E-mail Address:		
Telephone: ()	Fax: ()	

*Nomination forms and responses to the appropriate questions
must be postmarked by July 6, 2009.*

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