

Volunteer NJ!



FEBRUARY 14, 2024

NJ Loves Volunteers!

Spread the Love

Celebrate Valentine's Day by Nominating a Volunteer!

Deadline March 1st



February Volunteer Opportunities

Disaster Tech Response Team

Thursday Food Preparation

Garden Crew Volunteers

Family-Friendly DIY Tool Kit

Sign Language Volunteer

Literacy Volunteer Tutors

Ticket Takers

Bilingual Spanish/English Hospice Volunteers

Animal Shelter Volunteer

Tenafly Nature Center Welcome Committee

After School Program Tutor

Looking for a specific volunteer opportunity?

Visit our [Volunteer Hub](#)



The NJ State Governor's Volunteerism Awards has honored hundreds of groups and individuals throughout the state of New Jersey for their exemplary volunteer efforts. Through our Awards media campaign, we encourage others to volunteer by shining a light on the volunteerism of others. These efforts have helped to increase volunteerism in NJ.

The Awards are a partnership between The NJ Governor's Office of Volunteerism, NJ Advance Media, The NJ Governor's Advisory Council on Volunteerism, and the NJ Volunteer Generation Fund.

The New Jersey state-wide program, started in 2007, is co-administrated by NJ Advance Media (The Star-Ledger/NJ.com) and NJ Governor's Office of Volunteerism. The New Jersey State Governor's Council on Volunteerism adopted the award as the official Governor's award in 2010.

Over 300 medals have been awarded in NJ between 2007 and 2024 and hundreds more honored with certificates.

Nominate a Volunteer Today for consideration in the 2024 Awards

MLK Scholarship Essay Competition

Governor Phil Murphy
Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver
Secretary of State Tahesha Way

2024

NEW JERSEY
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Commemorative Commission Presents

Looking Back at Dr. King's 1964 Nobel Peace Prize Speech

MLK SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY COMPETITION

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Apply Now



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APPLY NOW!
DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 15TH 5PM
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ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP

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- The scholarships will be awarded based on review of application by the independent reviewers appointed by the Commission.
- Applications will only be accepted via online form.
- Only one (1) entry per student.
- Funds are disbursed directly to schools/institutions.
- TIP: Write essay in word processing program, then copy and paste finished essays into application.
- *Applicants selected for final review will be asked to provide:
 - Two (2) letters of reference from teachers, advisors, clergy and/or representatives of community-based service programs.
 - Official High School Transcript from 11th Grade.

ESSAY TOPIC

- How does the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. inspire you as you think about your future? (100 to 300 words)
- Please tell us about your service to others during your high school years. (100 to 300 words)
- Sixty years ago, in 1964, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway; please reflect on the quotes below from the speech and share your thoughts about their relevance in 2024. (100 to 300 words)

"Accept this award today with an abiding faith in America and an audacious faith in the future of mankind. ...I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the dark mire of racism and war that the bright dynamism of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality. ...I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits. ...I still believe that we shall overcome. This faith can give us courage to face the uncertainties of the future. It will give our tired feet new strength as we continue our forward stride toward the city of freedom."

QUESTIONS

- Please email: MLKCommission@sos.nj.gov

APPLY NOW <https://www.nj.gov/state/mlk.shtml>

Register Now -- NJ Volunteerism Conference



THE POWER OF COMMUNITY:
Sparkling Innovation

Thursday, April 11, 2024
Hyatt Regency
New Brunswick, NJ

Conference Hosts:



The New Jersey Governor's Office of Volunteerism in partnership with the New Jersey Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, is proud to host its statewide conference, ***The Power of Community: Sparking Innovation***, on Thursday, April 11, 2024. This in-person, statewide conference will bring together 600 participants from across our region to learn, network and share best practices in community resilience and volunteerism.

Registration is now Open! Don't miss this incredible conference.
Register Now!





The New Jersey Governor's Office of Volunteerism (NJGOV), operating within the New Jersey Department of State, supports NJ's 1.4 million volunteers with training and recognition while matching community needs in partnership with volunteer centers, disaster response organizations, business volunteers, schools, colleges, faith-based organizations and community organizations.

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