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## Illinois State Library

### SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE AWARDS

*Presented by the Illinois Secretary of State/State Librarian Jesse White*

#### Nomination Information

1. An adult literacy volunteer tutor may be nominated by the following:
  - An adult learner who has worked with the tutor during the previous calendar year Jan.-Dec.;
  - A literacy staff person in the current program; or
  - Another adult volunteer tutor in the current literacy program.
2. Nominate a volunteer tutor who has devoted many hours to tutoring and uses creative methods to reach difficult learners. A volunteer who time and again has gone the extra mile for the learners or whose story is particularly inspiring. Call the Literacy Office with questions.
3. Americorps Vista volunteers are paid and therefore are **not** eligible for a Spotlight on Service nomination. Spotlight on Service nominees must **not** receive payment for their volunteer tutoring.
4. Persons cannot win the Spotlight on Service Award more than once. The previous nominee may be renominated if he/she is currently still volunteering in the nominator's program.
5. One agency may nominate multiple adult volunteer tutors.
6. All forms must be completed in English.
7. The top Illinois adult literacy volunteer tutors will be selected by a panel of literacy advocates. Winners are chosen on the basis of their stories as presented through the nomination materials.
8. Spotlight on Service Award winners will be notified in early spring and recognized at an event at the Illinois State Library in Springfield at a later date where they will receive a plaque of achievement. Sponsoring literacy agencies will receive \$550 per winner to cover travel expenses to and from the event. Remaining award funds must be used to support the literacy project at the sponsoring agency.
9. Once the awards have been made, a release will be provided by the Illinois State Library Literacy Office to the winner that must be signed and returned. This will allow the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library and community publications to use the winner's name, picture and story relating to the Spotlight on Service Awards.
10. **PLEASE EMAIL NOMINATION FORMS NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 21 to [literacy@ilsos.gov](mailto:literacy@ilsos.gov).**

If the deadline falls on a weekend or state holiday, the deadline will be extended to the next business day.

For additional information, please call the Literacy Office at  
217-785-6921 or 800-665-5576, #3, or [literacy@ilsos.gov](mailto:literacy@ilsos.gov).

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## Volunteer Tutor Nomination Form

### PLEASE TYPE

#### ADULT LITERACY VOLUNTEER TUTOR NOMINEE:

TITLE (e.g., Mr., Ms., Mrs., etc.)

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FIRST NAME

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LAST NAME

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ADDRESS

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CITY

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ZIP CODE + 4

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TELEPHONE

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EMAIL OF NOMINEE

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LENGTH OF TIME VOLUNTEERED AS AN  
ADULT LITERACY TUTOR

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LENGTH OF TIME ADULT LITERACY VOLUNTEER  
TUTOR HAS BEEN AT THIS LITERACY PROGRAM

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#### AGENCY NAME:

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CONTROL AND BRANCH #

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ADDRESS

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CITY

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ZIP CODE + 4

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TELEPHONE

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PROGRAM CONTACT PERSON

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EMAIL

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#### NAME OF NOMINATOR:

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RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE

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*TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINATOR*

**PLEASE TYPE**

(Limit response to this page and one (1) attached page.)

NAME OF NOMINATOR: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ADULT LITERACY  
VOLUNTEER TUTOR BEING NOMINATED: \_\_\_\_\_

REASONS ADULT LITERACY VOLUNTEER TUTOR DESERVES NOMINATION:

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The following narrative is to be **TYPED BY THE ADULT LITERACY VOLUNTEER NOMINEE**. Describe why you volunteer as a literacy tutor. Describe any specific instances or students that have been rewarding or challenging for you as a literacy tutor.

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NAME OF ADULT LITERACY  
VOLUNTEER WRITING NARRATIVE: \_\_\_\_\_