



## 2020 National Awards Timeline & Overview

Award	Call to Nominations	Nominations Close	Awardee(s) Announced
Volunteer Leadership Award	November 2	December 2	February 2021
Volunteer Staff Partnership Award	November 2	December 2	February 2021
St. George National Award	November 2	December 2	February 2021

### Volunteer Leadership Award

#### Nomination Process

The Volunteer Leadership Award program is managed by the Volunteer Engagement Department and awardees are selected by the Volunteer Leadership Award Task Force. Staff across the Society can submit nominations for the Volunteer Leadership Award. Please work with your staff partner as appropriate to nominate a fellow volunteer for this award. Once submitted, the Volunteer Leadership Award Task Force carefully reviews each nominee’s application against the specified award requirements and selects the awardee(s). **This is no limit to how many volunteers you can nominate for this award if they meet the defined criteria. The number of awardees varies by year, but no more than two winners (nationwide) are selected each year.**

#### Nomination Requirements

The Volunteer Leadership Award is presented to volunteers who are living at the time of the award decision and who have served as a volunteer leader for enterprise-wide programs, initiatives, or Board level committees or task forces, other than as chair of the American Cancer Society Board of Directors (or of its predecessor, the “National Board”), and to others who have provided long and distinguished service to the Society at the enterprise-wide level. A volunteer must meet the following requirements to be nominated for the Volunteer Leadership Award:

- Have guided a major project or program that has become a part of the Society’s ongoing work from concept to implementation
- Have served as an inspirational leader to other volunteers
- Have represented the Society before other groups in a manner that furthered the cause of the Society
- Have demonstrated commitment to the Society through contributions to the solution of operational and organizational problems
- Is currently serving as a Society volunteer



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### Volunteer Staff Partnership Award

#### **Nomination Process**

The Volunteer Staff Partnership Award program is managed by the Volunteer Engagement Team and awardees are selected by the Volunteer Staff Partnership Award Selection Workgroup. One partnership awardee will be chosen from each Region, and Global Headquarters, for a total of seven winners. Please work with your staff partner as appropriate to nominate a fellow volunteer for this award. Once submitted, the Workgroup carefully reviews each nominee's application against the specified requirements and selects the awardee(s). The workgroup then shares the awardee(s) information with the American Cancer Society Board of Directors.

#### **Nomination Requirements**

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization and they are critical to our success at every level. Partnerships between volunteers and staff members are built on relationships, where each partner has a different but equally important role. Each partner mutually agrees to goals, responsibilities and actions. Partners may work side by side in the community, partner on specific projects in a virtual environment or work together across the globe. There are seven components to a successful partnership: Relationship, Recruitment, Training and Support, Accountability, Communication, Retention and Recognition. The Partnership is not stagnant but ever evolving and growing.

The Volunteer Staff Partnership explains how we can work together to accomplish our mission; to save lives and celebrate life, every single day. The Volunteer Staff Partnership Award recognizes a volunteer and staff team that models and reflects a successful partnership with a positive impact on the ACS mission. Volunteer and staff partners must meet the following requirements to be nominated for the Volunteer Staff Partnership Award:

- Volunteers and staff should have worked together a minimum of one year (exceptions will be made for partnerships that began in mid-2020 due to staff separation).
- Their partnership should result in a successful result and impact the mission of the American Cancer Society.
- Staff must be in good standing.

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Questions? Please contact Michelle Brady, Volunteer Care Manager, at [michelle.brady@cancer.org](mailto:michelle.brady@cancer.org)



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### St. George National Award

#### Nomination Process

The St. George National Award program is managed by the Volunteer Engagement Department. Each Region submits nominations approved for recommendation. Please work with your staff partner as appropriate to nominate a fellow volunteer for this award. Each region will then submit up to two nominees for validation. Once submitted, each nominee's application will be carefully reviewed against the specified award requirements and awardees will be confirmed. The name, credentials, and title submitted with the application will be used on all collateral materials including the certificate and award. **Each Region (including Puerto Rico) is asked to submit up to two nominees for validation.**

#### Nomination Requirements

The St. George National Award is given to outstanding volunteers throughout all Regions who have made significant contributions to the American Cancer Society's strategic goals. First conceived in 1949 by Dr. Charles S. Cameron, a former Society medical and scientific director, the St. George National Award has been presented to more than 1,400 Society volunteers nationwide. A volunteer must meet the following requirements to be nominated for the St. George National Award:

- Serves the Society as a leader in community mission delivery or revenue generating programs in more than one area of focus (e.g., Relay For Life, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Gala, Research, Advocacy) for a minimum of four continuous years;
- Makes a significant impact on and contributes to the furtherance of the Society's strategic goals and mission-driven programs with demonstrated leadership progression;
- Represents the Society in a manner that advances the Society's cause and expands its community presence; and
- Demonstrates a continuing commitment to the Society through a willingness to serve.

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