

Whitecourt Volunteer Awards Nomination Form

2025 Nomination Deadline: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. Forms can be submitted to fayarcand@whitecourt.ca or dropped off at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre, 58 Sunset Boulevard, Whitecourt, Alberta

1. Nominator (Your) Information:	
First Name:	Last Name:
Address:	Postal Code:
Email Address:	Phone Number:
2. Select ONE Volunteer Category:	
☐ Community Leader ☐ Corporate ☐ Longstanding Achievement ☐ The Extra	
3. Nominee Information:	
First Name:	Last Name:
Address:	Postal Code:
Email Address: A valid email address is required in the event the Nominee receives an award.	Phone Number: A valid phone number is required in the event the Nominee receives an award.
4. Nominees Must Be Aware of Their Nomination: Nominees that have not been informed by the Nominator will be disqualified. Please confirm you have informed the Nominee of your nomination.	
☐Yes ☐No	
5. Parent/Guardian Contact Information: Only complete this section if you are nominating a youth under the age of 18 for the Outstanding Youth Volunteer Category. By supplying this information, you are confirming permission from the parent/guardian to nominate the minor.	
First Name:	Last Name:
Address:	Postal Code:
Email Address: A valid email address is required in the event the Nominee receives an award.	Phone Number: A valid phone number is required in the event the Nominee receives an award.
6. If the Nominee fits a different category, do you give permission to move the nomination to a more suitable category?	
☐ Yes ☐ No	

7. Describe the Volunteer Work that the Nominee has done:	
8. Why do you think this person/corporate is an outstanding volunteer?	
9. How has the Nominee's volunteer services made a difference in Whitecourt?	
10. By submitting at valid email address in place of your signature, you verify that the information is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.	
Email Address:	

Personal information on this form is being collected for the purpose of determining eligibility of the Nominee for Whitecourt's Volunteer Awards. This information is collected under the authority of Section 33 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. The name of successful award winners will be provided to the pubic. Questions regarding the collection of this information can be directed to the Town of Whitecourt FOIP Coordinator at 780-778-2273, 5004 52 Avenue, Whitecourt, AB T7S 1N6.

For more information on the Whitecourt Volunteer Awards Program, please contact Fay Arcand at 780-778-3637 x. 417 or rayarcand@whitecourt.ca.

Whitecourt Volunteer Awards Nomination Categories

Community Leader Category

Outstanding individual volunteers or groups of volunteers who have taken a lead role in developing solutions to social challenges in Whitecourt. This category is open to individuals of any age, and can include non-for-profit organizations or registered charities.

Examples of a Community Leader:

- Andrew, a Whitecourt resident, saw soccer as a way of giving local children the opportunity to have fun and learn together. By getting
 local businesses to chip in and support, he was able to rent the indoor facility and purchase equipment to start an indoor soccer league
 for youth in our community.
- Sophia, a retired social worker, volunteers with the local high schools to support youth at risk. She organizes workshops in the high schools, provides advice, and shares best practices with other volunteers at the schools.
- Blueberry Centre is a small non-for-profit organization made up of volunteers from a local church. The group provides shelter, meals, clothing, and life skill training to homeless men.

Longstanding Achievement Category

Individuals who have volunteered for at last 25 years, and have inspired other volunteers, led volunteer groups, or made other exceptional achievements through volunteering.

Examples of a Longstanding Achiever:

- When he was 35 years old, Arthur started a shelter when a friend confided in him about the years of abuse she suffered as a child. The
 shelter, which accommodates up to 16 children, provides short-term services to youth between ages 10-17 who have suffered abuse.
 Now, at 58 years old, Arthur continues to run the shelter and works tirelessly to educate others in our community about how they can
 protect children from abuse.
- 30 years ago, Paulette volunteered at a local thrift store where she observed parents struggling to meet the needs of their families at Christmas time. Paulette gathered a group of friends and began asking local business for donations. With the donations, Paulette and her friends purchased food and gifts for the families in need. She gathered more volunteers to help wrap all of the gifts, and deliver to the families. The Christmas Hamper program still helps families in need today.

Corporate Leader Category

Companies that demonstrate social responsibility in their practices, including promoting and facilitating volunteerism locally, regionally, and nationally, as well as for-profit or non-for-profit social enterprises dedicated to creating social, cultural, or environmental benefits.

Examples of a Corporate Leader:

- KR Vintage Clothing Boutique loans suits to low income women to wear to job interviews. They also hold sessions to help women advance their careers.
- Recycling Inc. is a local business that has a program to hire and train people with disabilities.
- Jim's Pipeline Co. gives employees 3 days a year to volunteer with local organizations. The company encourages employees to donate to the local Food Bank with an annual Christmas Food Drive.

The Extra Miler Category

Volunteers that go the extra mile for the cause. Whether they stay late to help, or work an extra shift when needed, this individual goes above and beyond.

Examples of an Extra Miler:

- Navrin volunteers every Tuesday at the local BCG, mentoring youth. Navrin will often step up to cover extra shifts or stay later when a volunteer or employee is sick and unable to come in for their shift. He will often work longer to assist staff with other duties outside of his volunteer description, like chaperoning youth or gathering supplies.
- Asha is always willing to volunteer at the local soup kitchen, even with short notice. She is very flexible and will help when needed, and often will recruit friends to help volunteer.

Outstanding Youth Volunteer

Youth between the ages of 13 and 20 years' old who have demonstrated leadership and helped to build a stronger community.

Examples of an Outstanding Youth Volunteer:

- Amelia has volunteered with the local Snow Star program, helping the same senior clear snow for the past two years.
- Zola volunteered at the local library as a homework tutor every Thursday after school. Since graduating, she continues to be a homework tutor
- Liam, a recent graduate of a sound technician program, donates his time and talent with the local performing arts society at special

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