



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual City of Philadelphia ~ Mayors Award for Distinguished National Service

*Established February 2013 by Mayor Michael A. Nutter*

**Nominations Due: Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. to  
[SERVEphiladelphia@phila.gov](mailto:SERVEphiladelphia@phila.gov)**

**For more information, please visit [www.SERVEPhiladelphia.com](http://www.SERVEPhiladelphia.com).**

National service<sup>1</sup> is vital to Philadelphia. AmeriCorps<sup>2</sup> and Senior Corps<sup>3</sup> members provide a cost-effective resource for stemming the drop-out crisis, engaging at-risk youth, enhancing environmental sustainability, catalyzing community revitalization, and much more. Further, the significant contributions of National Service Alumni are felt across the city as AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members transition into important roles in their communities and the workplace. Because of this, Mayor Michael A. Nutter has taken a leadership role in organizing the second annual **Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service**, to be celebrated on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 in over 175 cities across the country.

In Philadelphia, an important part of the day's celebration will be the awarding of the second annual **City of Philadelphia ~ Mayors Award for Distinguished National Service**.

### **How many awards will be given?**

The Mayor will award one individual in each of the following four categories:

- Mayor's Award for Distinguished AmeriCorps Service
- Mayor's Award for Distinguished Senior Corps Service
- Mayor's Award for Distinguished Contribution to the City of Philadelphia by a Recent Alumni of National Service (Nominee must have completed their term of national service on or after January 1st, 2009)
- Mayor's Award for Distinguished Contribution to the City of Philadelphia by an Experienced Alumni of National Service (Nominee must have completed their term of national service on or before December 31st, 2008)

### **Who is eligible to be nominated?**

An individual is eligible for nomination if he or she fits into one of the following three categories:

- an AmeriCorps member currently serving in the City of Philadelphia\*
- a Senior Corps member currently serving in the City of Philadelphia
- an alumni of AmeriCorps or Senior Corps who is currently living in Philadelphia

*\*NOTE: Current members and alumni of national service programs administered by the City of Philadelphia are eligible to submit and/or receive a nomination and to be named as a finalist for the Mayor's Award. They are not, however, eligible to be selected as the top award winner in any category.*

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<sup>1</sup> For more information on National Service Programs supported by the Corporation for National and Community Service, please visit: [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov)

<sup>2</sup> AmeriCorps Programs include AmeriCorps State and National, AmeriCorps VISTA and AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC).

<sup>3</sup> Senior Corps Programs include Foster Grandparents, Senior Companion Program and RSVP.

**Who is eligible to submit a nomination?**

Anyone is eligible to submit one or more nominations, including current and former national service members, program staff and board members; as well as members of the general public. Self-nominations will also be accepted.

**What must be included in the nomination?**

Individuals must complete and submit the Nomination Form and an essay of no more than 500 words (see Nomination Form for complete essay instructions).

**How will the winners be selected?**

Members of the Mayor's Executive Team will identify top nominees in each category and present them to the Mayor for final selection. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 during the second annual celebration of the *Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service*.

**How should nominations be submitted?**

Nomination Forms and corresponding essays should be emailed to [SERVEPhiladelphia@phila.gov](mailto:SERVEPhiladelphia@phila.gov) no later than 5pm on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**What will the winners receive?**

Each of the three award winners will receive four free tickets to the Mayor's Box for an event of their choice between April and September 2014 and their name on a plaque to be placed in or around City Hall. The top five finalists in each category will be invited to join the winners at a Professional Networking Luncheon in May, hosted by Rich Negrin, Managing Director, Deputy Mayor of Administration and Coordination, and Managing Director of the City of Philadelphia



**CITY OF PHILADELPHIA  
MAYORS AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED NATIONAL SERVICE  
*Nomination Form***

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a (please check all that apply):

- Current AmeriCorps Member
- Current Senior Corps Member
- Recent Alumni (Completed your term of national service on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009)
- Experienced Alumni (Completed your term of national service on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008)
- Senior Corps Alumni
- National Service Program staff member
- Board member of an organization that hosts a National Service program
- Individual currently being serviced by a National Service member
- Member of the Philadelphia community

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the person you are nominating a:

- Current AmeriCorps member
- Current SeniorCorps member
- Recent Alumni of National Service (Nominee must have completed their term of national service on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009)
- Experienced Alumni of National Service (Nominee must have completed their term of national service on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008)

Name of nominee's National Service Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list nominee's dates of service (past or current): \_\_\_\_\_

In an essay of 500 words or less, please describe why the person you are nominating should be recognized by Mayor Nutter for their outstanding efforts as a current National Service member (AmeriCorps or Senior Corps) or as an Alumni of National Service (NOTE: *If nominating an alumni of National Service, please speak to what the individual has accomplished in the time following their term of service.*).

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