

Volunteer of the Year

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Inspiring individuals help transform our society every day.

Scottish charities inspire people whose dedication and commitment to their cause helps make our country a better place.

If you know an exceptional and influential person who demonstrates outstanding dedication to a charity or cause, then they could be the Volunteer of the Year. This award recognises a volunteer, supporter or patron (unpaid) who has gone that extra mile and made a significant difference to your organisation, community or cause.

We want to hear about a breadth of work carried out over the years. In particular, we'd like to hear about activity that has taken place between 1 January 2020 and 31 March 2021 and how your volunteer has adapted and responded to change throughout the pandemic.

General entry criteria

Entry is open to all types of voluntary organisations, including registered charities, social enterprises and campaigning groups. For the purposes of this entry form, the word ‘organisation’ has been used to summarise these different bodies.

The underlying aim of the Scottish Charity Awards is simply to recognise excellence.

Each submission must indicate clearly to the judges the nature and scope of the challenge(s) faced. The judges will be looking for examples of a range of activities, a creative and/or innovative approach, or an exceptional achievement supported by facts and figures (this may include case studies and/or testimonials).

Entries will be judged by an independent panel. The judges assess each application according to its objectives. Any judge who has prior knowledge or been involved with the volunteer is not allowed to vote for them or lobby the other judges.

Up to six finalists will be shortlisted in each category.

This year's awards will take place on Friday 1 October. More details on the format of the ceremony will be announced over the coming months.

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Name of volunteer:

Address of volunteer:

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Email of volunteer:

Telephone number of nominee:

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Name of nominator:

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Please tell us if you have previously applied to the Scottish Charity Awards, and if so what year/s and in what category. Please also state any other awards or recognition you have won in the past y­­ear.

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Please complete the below 5 sections. You have a maximum word count per section and you should address all of these areas: Longer entries will be disqualified.

Tell us a bit about your volunteers' involvement with an organisation(s)e.g. brief details of their role and the length of time they have been involved(100 words max).

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Complete the following summary in no more than 2000 words:

Our nominee is Volunteer of the year because…

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|  2000 words max in here  |

Complete the following in no more than 200 words:

We like stories. Tell us about a specific moment or incident that sums up your nominee.

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|  200 words max in here  |

Complete the following in no more than 200 words:

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|  200 words max in here  |

What drives and motivates your volunteer?

Complete the following in no more than 300 words:

How have their efforts made a positive difference? How did they respond and adapt to change over the past year?

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|  300 words max in here  |

Complete the following in no more than 200 words:

Is there anything else that makes your nominee exceptional or unique?

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|  300 words max in here  |

You may also provide no more than two pieces of supporting evidence which can include videos, adverts, leaflets or web links. Please note supporting evidence is additional information that may not be fully considered by the judges.

Declaration: I have read the attached and confirm that this work:

[ ]  focused in the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2021

[ ]  meets the brief and objectives set by my organisation for the activity described in this submission

Please check boxes above to confirm.

**Signature: Date:**

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Please also include the name and address of one independent person that can verify your entry. This should be someone from outside your organisation who has worked with you or has been impacted by your organisation and work.

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Name:

Contact telephone number:Email address:

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Key dates

14 May 2021, 5pm
Closing date for applications.

25 June 2021
Finalists will be notified, asked to submit additional information such as photographs and quotes.

13 August 2021
Announcement of finalists on our website, to the media and the wider sector. People’s Choice public vote opens for all finalist applications.

27 August 2021
People’s Choice public vote closes.

September 2021
Finalist webinars – All finalists in each category will be invited to participate in a webinar.

Friday 1 October 2021
Awards ceremony and dinner where we’ll be announcing the winners.