



# Terms and Conditions

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## Eligibility

To **nominate someone**, you must be a UK resident aged 16 or over.

To be eligible, **the nominee must:**

- make a positive difference in the lives of others;
- be a volunteer who goes **above and beyond** in their voluntary activities;
- in the opinion of the person nominating, be deserving of a Gloucestershire Volunteer Award;
- have consented (or have parental consent) to be nominated; and
- reside within Gloucestershire.

A 'Volunteer' is someone who gives their time without pay or remuneration.

The following will **disqualify a nomination:**

- Self-nominations will not be accepted, (however you can nominate a group/organisation you are part of for the Corporate Volunteering Award, Best Organisation to Volunteer With in 2026 and Community Group Award).
- Nominations for those working in a campaigning position, politicians, council members, and charity spokespeople.
- Any previous finalists or award winners of a Gloucestershire Volunteer Award cannot be nominated again within the same award category in consecutive years.

Proof of identity and/or eligibility may be requested. The nominator will need permission from the nominee or the nominee's parents/guardians if the nominee is under 18 years of age.

## How to nominate

Nominations can be made online at [www.govolunteerglos.org](http://www.govolunteerglos.org)

Please provide as much information as possible to ensure the nomination can be judged appropriately. All nominations will be judged by a panel based on the information provided and no additional material will be considered.

Nominations open at 9am on Wednesday 7th January 2026 and must be received no later than midnight (12am) on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Any nominations received after this time will not be accepted.

The Go Volunteer Glos team may contact the nominator, the nominee (or their parent or guardian, where applicable) to verify information written on the nomination form, and

whether the relevant consents/permissions have been obtained. The Go Volunteer Glos team will share the nomination information submitted with the judging panel.

## Award Categories

The categories and criteria to qualify for nomination and on which winners will be selected are:

- **Volunteer Impact Award**
- **Rising Star Award**
- **Corporate Volunteering Award**
- **Best Organisation to Volunteer With in 2026**
- **Neighbourhood Champion Award**
- **Children and Young person Support Volunteer Award**
- **Lifetime Achievement Award**
- **Sports Volunteer Award**
- **Trustee of the Year Award**
- **Community Group Award**

For full criteria for each award visit [www.govolunteerglos.org](http://www.govolunteerglos.org)

## Judging Process

The Gloucestershire Volunteer Awards team will do an initial sift of all entries to ensure eligibility criteria is met before being passed to the judges. **We reserve the right to reassign nominations to a more appropriate category.**

A panel of external judges will review the nominations and select a shortlist of three finalists per category.

The three finalists will be notified from by the Go Volunteer Glos team by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2026. The team will contact finalists to arrange a publicity interview and photographs.

All finalists will be invited to an award ceremony on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 where the winners of each category will be announced.

The finalists invited to the award ceremony shall be responsible for all travel expenses and the Gloucestershire Volunteer Awards shall not be responsible for any other fee, expense or cost.

The Gloucestershire Volunteer Awards judging decision is final. We are unable to respond to all nominations.

We aim to be as inclusive as possible. If you have any questions or issues in submitting or completing the form, please let us know by emailing [support@govolunteerglos.org](mailto:support@govolunteerglos.org).

The award ceremony will be photographed and filmed and the audio and video will be edited and used for social media and promotional purposes on the Go Volunteer Glos website.

The prizes are dependent on the category won, but may consist of a trophy, gift voucher and certificate. There is no cash alternative, and the prize cannot be sold or transferred in any circumstances. All finalists will receive a certificate.

## **General**

The Gloucestershire Volunteer Awards are hosted by Gloucestershire VCSE Alliance (including Go Volunteer Glos), registered with the Charity Commission for England & Wales (charity number 1153760)

Gloucestershire VCSE Alliance reserves the right to:

- vary these Rules, including but not limited to, opening and close times of the awards nominations and the award ceremony;
- disqualify any nomination that breaches the rules and is fraudulent in any way
- to move nominees into another category if they are more appropriate in another category
- cancel the awards, at any stage, if it is deemed necessary or if circumstances arise outside its control.

Gloucestershire VCSE Alliance, its sub-contractors, subsidiaries and/or agencies cannot accept any responsibility for any technical failure, loss of data via use of a third-party email platform or malfunction or any other problem which may result in any nomination not being properly registered.

Persons nominating and nominees will be deemed to have accepted these rules and agree to be bound by them.

The promoter of the awards is Gloucestershire VCSE Alliance (including Go Volunteer Glos).

Gloucestershire VCSE Alliance is not liable for any loss or damage including reputational loss, financial, or disappointment.

To find out how we will use your personal data, read our [Nominations Privacy Notice](#). If you would like to withdraw your submission or request that your personal data is removed, then please email [info@glosalliance.org.uk](mailto:info@glosalliance.org.uk)