

Recommendation for Volunteer Service Award

The TDCJ Volunteer Coordination Committee will finalize selections of all recommended categories and recipients based on established criteria.

Categories for Recommendation

1. **“Carol Vance” Volunteer of the Year Award**
Recognizes the volunteer/organization representing the highest standard of service provided to TDCJ.
2. **Restorative Justice Award**
Recognizes the contributions of a volunteer/organization that promotes the repair, restoration, and reintegration of offenders, victims and the community to include these concepts:
 - Crime is a violation of people and relationships.
 - Crime creates obligations to make things right.
 - Justice involves the victim, the offender and the community.
3. **“Susan Cranford” Female Offender Program Award**
Recognizes a volunteer/organization that provides an outstanding, rehabilitative program for female offenders.
4. **Most Innovative Program Award**
Recognizes a new, different or innovative program.
5. **Community Service Award**
Recognizes a community, civic, or service organization, private business, foundation or corporation, which has contributed significantly to the criminal justice system through volunteer service.
6. **Best Family Program Award**
Recognizes a volunteer/organization which provides the best supportive services for families of offenders and/or victims.
7. **Extensive Travel**
Recognizes the volunteer who has conducted the most extensive travel to provide services during fiscal year 2019. Documentation of distance and/or number of units or offices impacted by travel must be provided.
8. **TDCJ Employee Volunteer Award**
Recognizes a TDCJ employee who ALSO donates their services. The employee must be an approved TDCJ volunteer and their service must be different from their job duties and outside of their normal work hours.
9. **Criminal Justice Administrator Award**
Recognizes a criminal justice administrator who has provided significant programming objectives to the 10. This administrator does not have to be an approved volunteer.
10. **Division/Department Award**
Each of the following divisions/departments will recognize a volunteer/organization that has contributed significantly to that division/department: Chaplaincy, CID, PFCMOD, PD, SATP, SOTP, VS, WSD, RID, Health Services)

**** Recommendations for all categories should represent:**

- *Volunteers who are currently providing service,*
- *The diversity of volunteers serving TDCJ, and*
- *The impact of their volunteer service upon the programming and rehabilitation of offenders within the agency’s custody and/or supervision, their families and/or victims as appropriate.*

