

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Nominations Terms and Conditions

Key Dates

- Nominations Open: Monday, 2nd March 2026
- Nominations Close: Sunday, 3rd May 2026 (Late submissions will not be accepted without prior approval)
- Judging Period: Throughout May 2026
- Awards Ceremony: Wednesday, 17th June 2026, during National Volunteer Week

Volunteering Waikato reserves the right to extend the nomination deadline if necessary.

For any questions regarding the nomination process, online forms, or event details, please contact projects@volunteeringwaikato.org.nz or call (07) 839 3191.

Things to Keep in Mind When Nominating

- Each award category has a separate nomination form – please ensure you complete the correct one.
- Provide as much detailed and relevant information as possible – judges can only assess nominations based on the information submitted.
- Examples should be from the last 12 months (unless nominating for the Long Service Award).
- The nominee (individual or team) must be actively volunteering within the Waikato region.
- Ensure all contact details are included – nominations missing key information may not be accepted.
- Complete your nominations by Sunday 3rd May 2026 – late submissions will not be accepted without prior approval.

By participating in the Volunteering Waikato Annual Awards, you agree to the following terms and conditions:

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Nominations

Past Winners

- Previous winners (individual or team) cannot be nominated for any category in the 2025 awards.

Categories

- All nomination forms and supporting documents must be submitted by 3rd May 2026.
- Nominees can self-nominate or be nominated by another person.
- Nominees must reside or volunteer within the Waikato region.
- Nominations missing contact details will not be accepted.
- Lifetime Achievement Award nominees must have volunteered for at least 15 years (this can be across multiple organisations).
- Youth Award nominees must be aged 24 years or younger.
- Nominees under 18 years of age must have parental consent to be nominated.
- A team consists of two or more people. For example, if nominating a husband and wife, it qualifies as a team nomination.

Multiple Nominations

- An individual can only be nominated for one award category.
- You may nominate more than one Volunteer for a category. Each nomination requires a separate form.
- Only teams can be nominated for the Team Award.

Relevant Information

- Nominations with insufficient details or supporting evidence may not be considered.
- Examples should be from the past 12 months (except for the Lifetime Achievement Award).
- If any gaps in the nomination are identified, nominees may be contacted for clarification.

Judging Process

- Judging will take place throughout May 2026 by an independent panel consisting of nonprofit representatives, business sector professionals, and community leaders.
- Judges' decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Any potential conflicts of interest will be addressed before the judging process begins to ensure fairness and transparency.

Attending the Awards Ceremony

- Nominees will be contacted directly regarding their nomination.
- Attendance at the awards ceremony is by invitation only.
- Invitations will be sent to nominees and relevant parties where appropriate.
- Winners will be announced on the night of the ceremony.
- The awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday 17th June 2026.

Staff Nominations

- To avoid conflicts of interest, current Volunteering Waikato staff members (including paid staff and volunteer board members) cannot submit nominations.
- Former staff members who no longer work at Volunteering Waikato are permitted to submit nominations.

For any nomination-related questions, please contact projects@volunteeringwaikato.org.nz or call (07) 839 3191.

Photos & Videos

Nomination Forms

- Information provided in nomination forms—including responses, photos, and testimonials—may be used by Volunteering Waikato for promotional purposes.
- This may include press releases, the Volunteering Waikato website, social media, and other marketing materials.

Awards Evening

- Professional photos and videos will be taken during the Awards Ceremony to capture and celebrate the event and its nominees.
- By attending the ceremony, you consent to the use of any photographic or video footage you may appear in.
- These images may be shared on social media and used by Volunteering Waikato and its associated organisations for promotional purposes.

If you do not consent to media use, please notify us in writing by emailing projects@volunteeringwaikato.org.nz.