

Illinois National Guard Volunteer Award Recognition System

1. The National Guard Family Program recognizes the importance of volunteers in the success of our state program. The Volunteer Program's goal is to recruit, train and motivate volunteers. The recognition of volunteers is a priority.
2. The Volunteer Award Recognition System was designed to promote superior performance among all volunteers and recognize outstanding contributions made by individual volunteers and organizations. Selected volunteers, groups and/or organizations will be presented with State Volunteer Awards.
3. The nominations will be reviewed and awarded through a specific nomination process. It is determined that selected volunteers, groups and/or organizations will be presented with varying awards in several different categories. Awards and categories are listed in the attached nomination form.
4. Nominations will be submitted by March 2012 to SFC Heather Bennett at heather.j.bennett@us.army.mil in the Family Support Office. Nominations will be reviewed by the Illinois Joint Family Advisory Council. All awards will be presented at the Illinois State Family Program Conference.
5. Award Nomination Selection Procedure:
 - a. Anyone may make a nomination by completing any of the nomination forms. Nominations will be reviewed and verified for accuracy. Ensure each nomination form is complete. Ensure your description in the Recommendation block is detailed and specific when explaining the accomplishments of your nomination.
 - b. Nomination forms must be received no later than March 2012. Forms may be submitted via email to: heather.j.bennett@us.army.mil or by mail to: Illinois State Family Program, ATTN: SFC Heather Bennett, 1301 N MacArthur Blvd, Springfield, IL 62702.
 - c. All nominations will be rated and the final selections will be made by the Illinois Joint Family Advisory Council.
6. Questions about the Family Program Volunteer Award Recognition Program should be directed to SFC Heather Bennett at 217-761-3932.