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SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS (SOV) 2018

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1. PREFATORY STATEMENT

Volunteers play a crucial role as advocates and implementers of development initiatives as they perform a multitude of tasks to include awareness raising and advocacy activities; community education; skills building and entrepreneurship, resource mobilization; people organization; project monitoring; and delivery of social services. Imbued with the spirit of goodwill, they help empower people without expecting any financial gains in return.

To encourage the spirit of volunteerism and to recognize the important contributions of volunteers, Presidential Proclamation No. 194, dated 7 December 1987, declares every 5th day of December as the International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development in the Philippines. Furthermore, Presidential Proclamation No. 55, dated 5 December 1998, declares the month of December of every year as the National Volunteer Month.

To provide a mechanism for acknowledging the contributions of outstanding Filipino volunteers, the Search for Outstanding Volunteers (SOV) is conducted annually, culminating in the awarding of winners in December, for the continuing recognition of deserving individuals and volunteer organization's selfless dedication, achievements and exemplary performance to service.

2. SCOPE/COVERAGE

All DILG Regional, Provincial, City Directors, and all others concerned are hereby encouraged to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular within their jurisdiction.

3. POLICY CONTENT AND GUIDELINES

As the government agency mandated to promote and coordinate volunteer programs and services in the Philippines, the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) has launched the Search for Outstanding Volunteers (SOV) 2018 with the theme "*Boluntarismo: Daan Tungo sa Pagbabago*". The search is open to (i) Individuals of Filipino citizenship; and (ii) Filipino or local chapters of foreign/international not-for-profit or corporate organizations who are currently providing volunteer assistance in the Philippines.

The Search for Outstanding Volunteers (SOV) confers two (2) types of awards:

3.1. Award Categories:

3.1.1. The National Outstanding Volunteer Award

This is given to an individual (youth and adult category) or organization (non-profit and corporate category) for outstanding volunteer service that has made a significant contribution to uplifting the lives of people and communities served; and

3.1.2. The Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award

This is given to an individual or organization for consistent and outstanding volunteer service and whose achievement is regarded as an inspiration and role model in the field of volunteerism.

3.2. Selection Criteria

3.2.1. National Outstanding Volunteer Award

- 3.2.1.1. Qualities of the Volunteer
- 3.2.1.2. Performance
- 3.2.1.3. Outputs and/or Outcomes

3.2.2. Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award

- 3.2.2.1. Qualities of the Volunteer/Volunteer Organization
- 3.2.2.2. Performance
- 3.2.2.3. Outputs and/or Outcomes
- 3.2.2.4. Influence and inspiration

3.3. Nomination Process

3.3.1. Nomination forms may be downloaded at www.pnvzca.gov.ph or may be obtained from the following agencies:

- 3.3.1.1. PNVSCA
- 3.3.1.2. NEDA Regional Offices
- 3.3.1.3. Department of the Interior and Local Government - National Capital Region
- 3.3.1.4. Regional Planning & Development Office of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao

3.3.2. The nomination forms must be submitted to the SOV Regional Search Committee that covers the area where the volunteer or volunteer organization is based. For NCR, nominations may be submitted to DILG-NCR or PNVSCA.

3.3.3. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS IS ON 15 JULY 2018.

3.4. Exclusionary Provisions

- 3.4.1. Self-nomination is not allowed.
- 3.4.2. Nominees who did not qualify for the national award may be re-nominated.
- 3.4.3. National awardees of previous years are no longer eligible to be nominated in the National Outstanding Volunteers Award category but may be nominated in the Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award category.

3.4.4. Members of the SOV National Selection Committee are not eligible to nominate.

3.5. Conferment of Awards

The awarding ceremony for the winning Most Outstanding Volunteer/s will take place on December 2018 at the City of Manila

4. EFFECTIVITY

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

5. APPROVING AUTHORITY



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6. FEEDBACK

For queries and further information you may directly contact the PNVSCA through telephone number +63 (02) 277-7389 or through e-mail at info@pnvsca.gov.ph or you may visit their official website at <http://www.pnvsca.gov.ph>.

Attached is the SOV 2018 brochure for further information on the qualifications for nomination and other details of the awarding process.



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SOV GUIDELINES

I. PURPOSE

The Search for Outstanding Volunteers (SOV) aims to highlight the exemplary performance and dedication to service of Filipino volunteers in helping people and communities and recognize the role of volunteerism in development and nation-building.

II. CATEGORIES OF AWARDS

A. National Outstanding Volunteer Award

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| 1. Individual | 2. Organization |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth • Adult | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not-for-Profit • Corporate |

B. Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award

- Individual
- Organization

For purposes of the Search,

- Volunteer refers to individual/s who for reasons arising from their socio-developmental, business and corporate orientation, commitment or conviction, contribute time, service and resources, whether on full-time or part-time basis to a just and essential social development cause, mission or endeavour in the belief that their activity is mutually meaningful and beneficial to public interest as well as to themselves.
- Not-for-Profit refers to non-stock, non-profit, non-government organization/s, including academic institution/s that implement volunteer program/s by mobilizing and engaging volunteers to provide services and assistance in socioeconomic, humanitarian, civic and cultural development activities.
- Corporate refers to companies that implement volunteer program/s either as a component of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) or initiated and supported by the employee group, where employees are mobilized and engaged to volunteer their time, skills and resources for socioeconomic, humanitarian, civic and cultural development activities.

III. QUALIFICATIONS FOR NOMINATION

A. National Outstanding Volunteer Award

1. Individual

- Filipino citizen
- Fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years old for the youth category and at least thirty-one (31) years old for the adult category at the time of submission of nomination;
- Has been providing volunteer assistance consistently for at least three (3) years for the youth category and at least five (5) years for the adult category at the time of submission of nomination;
- A member of a volunteer organization or institution registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or PNVSCA or other duly recognized accrediting government institution; or recognized as a volunteer by the local government, local institution or community being provided with volunteer services; and

- Has not been found guilty of crime or offense involving moral turpitude.

2. Organization

- Filipino or local chapters of foreign/international not-for-profit or corporate organizations;
- Has been providing volunteer assistance consistently for at least five (5) years for the not-for-profit category and at least three (3) years for the corporate category at the time of submission of nomination; and
- Registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or PNVSCA or other duly recognized accrediting government institution; or recognized as a volunteer organization by the local government, local institution or community being provided with volunteer services.

B. Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award

- Has been engaged in consistent volunteering activities for at least twenty five (25) years;
- Has been a recipient of regional, national or international awards in relation to volunteerism; and
- Has not been found guilty of crime or offense involving moral turpitude, in the case of individual nominees.

IV. SELECTION CRITERIA

A. National Outstanding Volunteer Award

- Qualities of the Volunteer/Volunteer Organization
- Performance
- Outputs and/or Outcomes

B. Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award

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- Performance
- Outputs and/or Outcomes
- Influence and inspiration

V. NOMINATION PROCESS

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- PNVSCA
- NEDA Regional Offices
- Department of the Interior and Local Government - National Capital Region
- Regional Planning and Development Office of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao

- The nomination forms must be submitted to the SOV Regional Search Committee that covers the area where the volunteer or volunteer organization is based. For NCR, nominations may be submitted to DILG-NCR or PNVSCA.

- Deadline for submission of nominations is on 15 July 2018.

VI. EXCLUSIONARY PROVISIONS

- Self-nomination is not allowed.
- Nominees who did not qualify for the national award may be renominated.
- National awardees of previous years are no longer eligible to be nominated in the NOVA category but may be nominated in the VLAA category.
- Members of the SOV National Selection Committee are not eligible to nominate.

VII. CONFERMENT OF AWARDS

National awardees will be recognized in Manila in December 2018.

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SOV 2017 NATIONAL AWARDEES



United States Peace Corps - Philippines

Special Citation in Volunteerism

Established in 1961, the organization has deployed more than 9,000 volunteers in the country to provide technical assistance and collaborate with local partner institutions' projects on the fields of education, environment, and social services.



Mr. Jessie T. Abocado NOVA - Individual Adult

A community organizer from Region V, Mr. Jessie T. Abocado's volunteer work focuses on the welfare of poor farmers. Through his determination, he was able to re-establish the Veneracion Farmers Association, enabling the farmers to gain access to various government projects. With this intervention, beneficiaries were able to produce rice for several cropping seasons, avail of agricultural equipment, and participate in capacity building activities.



Mr. Samsudin S. Muhamad NOVA - Individual Adult

A native of the Bangsamoro homeland, Mr. Samsudin S. Muhamad lobbied for the change of leadership of the ARMM and the promulgation of RA 10153: An Act Providing for the Synchronization of the Election in the ARMM with the National and Local Elections. He also organized the Development Youths Movement Assembly in Mindanao, Inc. and created 30 community schools called Madaris in Cotabato City, Maguindanao, North Cotabato and other nearby provinces.



Teleperformance

Teleperformance Philippines

NOVA - Organization Corporate
The company's flagship corporate social responsibility is the Teleperformance Village in Tanay, Rizal, established in partnership with Gawad Kalinga, which has served as a sustainable community for families displaced by Typhoon Ondoy in 2009. Teleperformance also regularly supports the Philippine Blood Center, The Philippine Red Cross, National Children's Hospital, Kythe Foundation, White Cross Orphanage and Bantug Day Care Center. Employee volunteers of the company are active participants in Brigada Eskwela of the Department of Education.



Bahay Hawak Tayo' Lakad (BAHATALA, Inc.)

NOVA - Organization Not-for-Profit
BAHATALA from Region IV-B engages volunteer doctors and physical therapists, as well as community and foreign volunteers, in providing medical care on patients with orthopedic conditions, congenital deformities, and those affected by musculoskeletal trauma. It has assisted thousands of beneficiaries from Palawan.



Madre de Amor Hospice Foundation, Inc.

NOVA - Organization Not-for-Profit
Based in Region IV-A, the Madre de Amor Hospice Foundation, Inc. has assisted almost two thousand patients from 27 local government units in Laguna and Batangas, 85% of which are indigents. The foundation implements a program of palliative and supportive services, which provides physical, psychological, social and spiritual care for terminally ill patients and their families.



Mr. Lowell Andrian M. Solayao

NOVA - Individual Youth

A high school Physics teacher from Region V, Mr. Lowell Andrian M. Solayao created the Pilar Reading Center and conducted Summer Reading Camps which encouraged children and youth from his community and nearby areas to read and join storytelling sessions. To date, five mini-PRCs exist which are inspired by Solayao.



Ms. Maria C. Ang

NOVA - Individual Adult

A seasoned volunteer from NCR, Ms. Maria C. Ang is a prime advocate of volunteerism. Through her initiative, volunteerism was institutionalized in Laoag City with the establishment of the "Civilian Volunteers Formation" through the City Ordinance No. 2015-043: An Ordinance Adopting and Implementing RA 9418. She was also instrumental in the creation of the Museo Ilocos Norte, making way for the documentation and showcase of the rich Ilocano culture.



Ms. Delia L. Caabay

NOVA - Individual Adult

A retired educator from Region IV-B, Ms. Delia L. Caabay's volunteerism, which was honed during her early years and nurtured during her teaching career, has continued even in her prime years. With her leadership and membership in different socio-civic organizations, she was able to touch the lives of prisoners, women, indigenous children, youth, and the elderly through alternative learning classes, supplemental feeding, mothers' classes, resource mobilization efforts, and other outreach activities.



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