



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
**Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Governor McAuliffe Seeks Nominations for Volunteerism Awards**

On behalf of the Department of Education, I am pleased to announce that Governor Terence R. McAuliffe is seeking nominations for the 2016 Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Awards. The awards recognize the outstanding efforts of Virginia's volunteers. Nominations are open to small businesses, corporations, community groups, individuals and families that exemplify extraordinary volunteerism and community service.

I encourage you to consider nominating an individual, family, parent, or organization that is making a positive impact in your school community. Awards will be presented in individual and group categories, including youth, senior and adult volunteers, faith-based organizations, families that volunteer together, community organizations, small businesses and corporations.

This year's winners will be honored this spring during an awards ceremony in Richmond. For more information or to nominate a person or group, [click here](#) or call (804) 726-7918, 1-800-638-3839 or e-mail [volunteerism@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:volunteerism@dss.virginia.gov). The deadline for nominations is December 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

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