

GLVAR Community Service Award

The Greater Las Vegas Association of REALTORS® (GLVAR) wants to recognize its members that have made an extraordinary commitment to improving the quality of life in their communities through volunteer work.

Eligibility Criteria

Nominees must be current members in good standing of GLVAR. Nominees must have been members of GLVAR for a minimum of one year at the time of nomination.

Nominees should have contributed to a program that improves livability of our community. Those activities are not limited to real estate or housing issues, and may include such things as crime prevention, youth mentoring, and homelessness prevention.

Nominees should have made a significant contribution of personal time, but contributions of money, materials, or other resources will be considered by the Board of Directors as well.

Some portion of the nominee's community work must have taken place in the 12 months preceding the nomination, but the Board of Directors will also consider ongoing efforts outside that time frame that demonstrate a depth of commitment.

Nominees should be able to document the results of their involvement through published reports and/or testimonials from the organization they served or the people they helped.

Application

An entry form and any relevant attachments should be sent to the attention of EVP Irene Vogel at the GLVAR office, 1750 E Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89104. Videos and DVDs will not be acceptable as part of the application, however a transcript of said video or DVD will be acceptable.

Anyone can nominate for this award; it could be the nominee's broker, a colleague, a spouse, a representative from the charity, or the nominees themselves.

How Can I Make my Application Stand Out?

The essay and the testimonial letters are often the most valuable portions of the application. The following tips provide insight into what we are looking for and can help you submit the most effective essay:

- Be as specific as possible. For example, give a close estimate of the number of hours volunteered, the number of people the nominee helped, the number of dollars raised, etc. Vague words like "countless," "incalculable" or even "thousands" are of very little use to evaluate the nomination.
- Don't rely on adjectives. Superlatives like "kindest," "most dedicated," "most generous" – though certainly true – don't help evaluate a nominee's achievements. Instead, describe something the nominee did that illustrates how kind or dedicated he or she is.

- Don't be modest. If you are uncomfortable talking about your achievements, have someone else write the essay portion for you and/or provide detailed testimonials. Testimonials from someone you've helped are particularly valuable.
- Focus on your accomplishments, not the organization's in general. We need to evaluate the impact that the nominee has personally made. Don't make the mistake of only emphasizing how much good the organization has done; instead, focus on what the nominee has done for the organization.

Selection

Nominees will be judged on level of personal contribution, impact of contribution, broadness of impact, and the project's suitability as a role model for other REALTORS®.

The Board of Directors will review the applications received on a regular basis, and give the award at its discretion.

The Board of Directors should also keep an eye out for especially exceptional recipients who may be eligible for the national Good Neighbor Award. The Board of Directors, at its discretion, can choose to nominate said recipients for the national award.

Presentation

The award(s) will be presented at an event chosen by the Executive Vice President to ensure optimal attendance by the membership while keeping each event's timeline on track.

Entry Form

Nominee

Name			
Company			
Address			
Phone		Fax	
Email		Website	

If you are completing this application and you are not the nominee, please also provide:

Name			
Company/Charity Name			
Address			
Phone		Fax	
Email		Website	
Relationship to Nominee			

Community Program(s) Served

If there is more than one, please add a page.

Organization Name			
Address			
Phone		Fax	
Email		Website	
Nature of the community work the nominee performed (<i>brief description of the organization's mission and the candidate's contribution</i>)			
How long has the nominee been volunteering with this organization?			
Who may we contact at the organization to verify the nominee's involvement?	Name		
	Company/Charity		
	Title		
	Address		
	Phone		
Email			

Personal Contribution

(Nominees should have made a significant contribution of personal time, but contributions of money, materials, or other resources will be considered by the Board of Directors.)

Note: This information is required. Although you may not keep exact records, we must have your best estimate in order to evaluate the entry.

Unpaid hours the nominee personally contributed to this organization in the last 12 months?	
Volunteer hours the nominee personally recruited from others to work for this organization in the last 12 months?	
Dollars, materials or other resources the nominee personally contributed to this organization in the last 12 months?	
Dollars the nominee personally raised for this organization in the last 12 months?	
Number of people served by the nominee (approx.)	
Is the nominee compensated for any portion of the service work described in this application? <i>(If yes, please explain)</i>	
Does the nominee perform the community service as part of his/her duties as an employee or corporate officer of a real estate company? <i>(If yes, please explain)</i>	

Explanation of Contribution (Required)

In no more than 500 words, describe how the nominee’s individual efforts have made the community a better place to live. *(Use separate page)*

Verification of Involvement (Required)

Please attach published reports or testimonials from the organization or individuals served that document the nominee’s activities. These documents should attest to the individual involvement of the nominee. Please highlight the nominee’s name in documents where it is not immediately evident. *(List attachments here)*

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, all of the information provided is true and accurate.

Signature: _____

Circle: I am I am not the nominee

Who should we notify about the results?

Name			
Company/Charity			
Address			
Phone		Email	

Please mail the completed entry form and attachments to:
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 c/o Irene Vogel
 Greater Las Vegas Association of REALTORS®
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 Las Vegas, NV 89104