



NRTA With Our Youth!

The NRTA *With Our Youth!* program provides opportunities for retired educators and youth to work together to address the needs of youth and the broader community. State and local retired educators association volunteer leaders use the resources provided by NRTA to organize local self-sustaining direct service projects for and with youth. NRTA made a three-year pledge at the 1997 President's Summit for America's Future held in Philadelphia, to serve 1.5 million youth in 2,000 communities with a total of 45 million service hours through its affiliated state retired educators associations (REAs). The goal was met and exceeded.

The program provides five key resources for youth:

- an ongoing relationship with a caring adult
- a healthy start in life
- safe places to learn and grow
- a marketable skill upon graduation
- an opportunity to serve in their communities

Because our members and associations believe in the tremendous potential of youth to be a positive force in our society today, we have dedicated ourselves to ensure that youth have the five key resources to be productive members of their communities. State and local REAs continue to serve over 500,000 youth in more than 1,000 communities annually.

NRTA With Our Youth! Award Nomination and Guidelines

Each year, NRTA gives national *With Our Youth!* volunteer recognition awards in three categories.

The awards recognize the participation and projects of:

- State Retired Educators Associations
- Local Retired Educators Associations
- Individual Volunteers

Criteria For Awards

- The impact of the volunteer service with youth must be clearly documented in the nomination.
- The service may be done in groups (volunteers or students) or on a one-to-one basis (one volunteer working with one child, or a group of volunteers working with individual children).
- The service is to be done with youth who are not relatives. In groups, related children may be included provided the volunteer(s) work with all of the youth, not just the related youth.
- The volunteers receive no compensation for their service other than for transportation to the volunteer site, meals during the time of volunteer work or for materials used in the project.



Submit a Nomination

To submit your nomination online, please visit: www.aarp.org/nrta or complete the form below and send the completed form with the project description and impact statement to NRTA *With Our Youth!* Awards, Community Service, 601 E Street, NW, Washington DC 20049. Forms can also be faxed to: 202/434-3439.

Entry forms for the 2009 awards are due June 8, 2009.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominator Name: _____

Nominator Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

This nomination is for the following category (*please check only one*):

_____ State _____ Local _____ Individual

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Contact Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

On a separate sheet, please attach the following:

1. Brief description of the project (100-200 words).
2. Description of project impact on the youth with whom the volunteer(s) worked and if applicable, please also describe the impact on others in the community resulting from the project (200-400 words).

Supporting materials such as letters and photos, are welcomed, but not required.