

2017 Food Security Council Awards

The Food Security Council serves to identify barriers to food security, gaps in services and the need for program development throughout the state. The mission of the Council is to identify the impact and effect of hunger in Montana; to educate the public and policy makers on the status of hunger in Montana, and they role they play in ending hunger; to collaborate with private, public and governmental organizations to implement realistic solutions to reducing hunger; and to pursue long term solutions at the local, state, regional, and federal policy levels and increase participation in food assistance programs.

The Food Security Council Awards are given every other year to ***recognize significant accomplishments toward ending hunger and promoting good health and nutrition in Montana.*** You may be in a position to nominate individuals or businesses deserving of such recognition. The nomination should demonstrate that the nominee has gone above their normal job duties to make a noteworthy contribution to their local community or the state as a whole.

A total of six awards will be given—one within each of the following categories:

1. *Volunteer*

Treasure State Award: For the Most Treasured Volunteer

This award will go to a volunteer at the local, regional or state level

2. *Public Sector*

Gates of the Mountains: For Opening the Gates to End Hunger

This award will go to a public employee or agency (including schools)

3. *Private Sector*

Glacier Award: For Moving Mountains to End Hunger

This award will go to an individual or organization in the non-profit arena

4. *Business*

Big Sky Award: For Business of the Year

This award will go to an individual or business

5. *Local Healthy Food*

Amber Waves of Grain Award: For Promoting Local Healthy Food

This award will go to an individual, non-profit or business connected with local food and agriculture

6. *Other*

Lewis and Clark Award: For Discovering Ways to Fight Hunger

This award will go to an individual, group or business that has made a significant contribution to ending hunger that does not clearly fit within the above categories

If you have an individual, organization or business in mind and are not sure which category is the most appropriate—please call and ask us!

In the nomination, please clearly identify how the nominee meets the following:

- worked to create consistent and sustainable access to nutritious food
- went beyond the normal requirements of the job,
- treated clients with dignity and respect,
- humanized a negative, emotional situation,
- removed a barrier,
- employed a creative/innovative method to overcome a problem, or
- maximized limited resources.

Letters of nomination should include specific activities that warrant the award. The deadline for nominations to be received is 5:00 pm FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017. **Your nomination letter can be sent to the Montana Food Bank Network at the address below, sent by email to Gayle Gifford, or faxed to (406) 542-3770.** Nomination forms will also be available through the Food Security website at: www.mfbn.org/fsc/awards.

The Food Security Council will announce award recipients no later than **WEDNESDAY MARCH 10, 2017**, and awards will be presented at a luncheon and Award Ceremony at 1400 Broadway, Cogswell Building in Helena on **FRIDAY APRIL 12, 2017 from 12:00-1:30pm.**

Thank you for taking the time to recognize deserving individuals in your community. Please return the attached nomination form to Gayle Gifford at the address below by mail, email, or fax by 5:00 pm FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017. Please remember to include the address and telephone number of the nominee as well as the nominator on the form. Feel free to contact Gayle with questions at (406) 721-3875.

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**FOOD SECURITY COUNCIL
2017 AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

NAME OF NOMINATOR: _____

ADDRESS OF NOMINATOR: _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

TELEPHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

ADDRESS OF NOMINEE _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

TELEPHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

Please select ONE category that best fits your nominee:

- Volunteer
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- Other:
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DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE THIS PERSON/GROUP DESERVES THIS AWARD based on the criteria listed
(it is not required that the nominee meet every criteria listed):

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Please remember to nominate only those persons who have gone beyond their normal job duties to make a significant contribution to their community or the state as a whole.

Due by Friday, February 17, 2015
Please return to Gayle Gifford ggifford@mfnb.org
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Missoula, MT 59808
www.mfnb.org/fsc/awards