



The importance of volunteers to our industry cannot be overestimated.

Whether the individual acts as a volunteer administrator of an event or contributes his or her time and resources in support of a larger, multi-event organization with a paid staff, the efforts that are put forth deserve our heartiest congratulations and recognition. It is for that reason that the IFEA/Zambelli Fireworks Internationale Volunteer of the Year Award was created.

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2009 IFEA/Zambelli Fireworks Internationale Volunteer of the Year Award. The award recognizes those outstanding event volunteers whose unselfish and dedicated service to a member festival or event has made a significant difference in their community and mirrors the commitment to success in our professional ranks.

A panel of impartial judges from within the IFEA organization will select the Volunteer of the Year winner from all of the candidates submitted. That individual will be honored at the 54th Annual IFEA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 21-25, 2009. As the guest of the IFEA and sponsor Zambelli Fireworks Internationale, the winner will receive an all expense* paid trip to the convention to accept their award. All participants in the program will be promoted through local and national media releases. Available on request. The finalist will be featured in a future issue of "ie" magazine, and each semi-finalist will receive a certificate of recognition and be acknowledged in "ie" magazine.

Volunteer nominations submitted for the 2008 Award may be carried over into the 2009 competition with the permission of the nominator. The nominator will have the option to re-write the nomination if desired.

Please direct all nomination materials and questions to Nia Hovde, Director of Marketing & Communications at nia@ifea.com or (208) 433-0950 ext. *814.

* Includes hotel, airfare and meals only.

To view a complete list of past winners and their nominations, go to the Industry Honors section on www.ifea.com





International Festivals & Events Association

2009 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Please submit the following information for your nomination.

A. INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING NOMINATION INFORMATION:

Name • Organization • Address • City • State • Zip • Phone • Fax • Email

B. NOMINATION INFORMATION:

Name • Address • City • State • Zip • Phone • Fax • Email

C. NOMINATION QUESTIONS:

Please provide a 2 paragraph response for each of the questions below, indicating which question you are answering. Please include specific examples for each. Points will be awarded for each question. Points awarded are listed below.

1. Explain your volunteer's significant depth of involvement. (20 points)
2. Show specific examples of your volunteers roles and responsibilities. (10 points)
3. Describe how your volunteer has provided significant enthusiasm, organizational assistance and specific expertise. (10 points)
4. Explain how your volunteer has shown initiative and leadership in his or her efforts. (20 points)
5. Tell how your volunteer has exemplified his or her dependability. (10 points)
6. Describe your volunteer's positive attitude. (10 points)
7. Describe how your volunteer has made a difference to the festival or event. What impact has your volunteer had on your festival/event? What void would there be without him or her as a volunteer? (20 points)

D. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

If your nominee is selected we will need the following information for marketing the 2009 Volunteer of the Year. Please submit the following with your nomination. (not required at time of nomination).

1. A photograph of the volunteer you are nominating.
2. A local media list (up to 15 contacts) in order for IFEA to send Press Releases to your media.
 - The preferred media list submission is in an Excel format.
 - Please include: Name; Organization; Address; City; State; Zip; Phone; Fax; Email

E. ENTRY FORMAT:

- Please email your nomination in a Word document along with photo and media list.
- If you do not have access to email, please contact Nia Hovde at Phone: 208-433-0950 ext: *814 to make other arrangements.

F. SUBMIT ENTRIES TO:

Nia Hovde, Director of Marketing & Communications at nia@ifea.com

G. QUESTIONS:

Please contact Nia Hovde, nia@ifea.com, 208-433-0950 ext. 814

NOMINATION CRITERIA

To be eligible for consideration for the IFEA/Zambelli Fireworks Internationale Volunteer of the Year Award, the nominee shall:

- Be a current volunteer of an IFEA member organization
- Have provided significant enthusiasm, organizational assistance and specific expertise
- Be a volunteer of the nominating festival or event for at least 3 years
- Have shown initiative and leadership in his or her efforts
- Have a positive attitude
- Have exemplified his or her dependability
- Have a significant depth of involvement
- Have made a difference to the festival or event
- Have received no remuneration for services directly associated with his or her volunteer duties

Nominations should be submitted no later than Friday 5:00 PM (MST) May 8th, 2009